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A B.o.B.cat Homecoming



Following his performance at the Grammys, B.o.B., hypes up the crowd at the Homecoming concert on Thurs., Feb. 17. B.o.B. performed his most well known hits, "Magic," "Nothin" On You" and "Airplanes," for the attendees inside the Centennial Center. The concert was the most highly attended Homecoming event this year. At once point during the concert the performer



KENDYL WADE / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER From left: Katherine Medlock and Jacqueline Tibbs celebrate after finishing the Bobcat Ramble 5K in just over 27 minutes on Saturday, Feb. 19. The fastest time



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER From left: Ashli Dills and Matt Riley walk the Homecoming parade carrying the Wells Hall banner. Riley painted his face to show his Bobcat pride.



Jessica Ramirez / Staff Photographer Participants in the Golden Slipper Murder Mystery Show feign puzzled looks over the death of one of their own.



KENDYL WADE / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Stokeswood's guitarist, synthesizer player and lead vocalist Adam Patterson performs for the crowd at the Homecoming Concert. Stokeswood played frequently at Amici Café, which is co-owned by band drummer Jon Joiner.

Campus displays Bobcat pride throughout Homecoming week activities, competitions

Brina Potvin STAFF WRITER

Aside from the traditional Homecoming events that all students look forward to such as the annual Homecoming concert and the highly anticipated Homecoming Basketball games, various other events take place throughout the week in order to promote school spirit and display Bobcat Pride.

Competitive contest

To kick off the Homecoming festivities, the Financial Aid Office, the Office of the Registrar, the Graduate office, Plant Operations as well as the Office of the President participated in a decorating contest in which creative techniques such as the use of plants, sound effects and even old pictures were used to display this year's Homecoming theme, The Hunt for Memories and Spirit.

"It is very competitive each year among Financial Aid and the Registrar's Office," said the Annual Fund Coordinator and event judge Mandy Peacock.

However, this year the Financial Aid Office won the Golden Slipper award which will be displayed in their office until next year's competition.

Paws for a Cause

During Homecoming week, many purchased organızatıons paws for \$36 as part of Paws for a Cause charity fundraiser.

"The (money went) to fund a child who is from 0 to 5 years old for a year to receive a book each month," said Director of The GIVE Center, Kendall Stiles. "It passed our expectations."

Twenty eight of the 30 paws were purchased and about 150 students and faculty gathered to paint or observe during

According to Tom Miles, director of Campus Life, nearly \$2,000 was collected from the event to be donated to the Ferst Foundation.

Alpha Delta Pi won the best paw award and were then given the opportunity of being special guests of Wendell Station, the director of athletics, at the Homecoming game.

Homecoming Week Events

Monday Feb. 14

Office Decorating Contest

Tuesday Feb. 15

Paws for a Cause

🧩 Residence Hall Spirit Board Contest

Dinner in Centennial Parking Lot

Wednesday Feb. 16 Blue and Green Trivia Bowl

Thursday Feb. 17

Homecoming Concert

The Golden Slipper Murder Mystery Show

Friday Feb. 18

Saturday Feb. 19

Bobcat Ramble

Homecoming Parade Tent City Tailgating

A sense of spirited competition was a trend throughout the week's events as the Residence Halls competed for titles

"Each Residence Hall designed and represent their hall in the Homecoming parade," said Jessica Rehling, area coordinator and co-advisor of the Resident Student Association. "The halls work on the (boards) for two to three weeks and then bring them to the RSA meeting during Homecoming week for the voting."

The winning board from the Parkhurst Hall had a bobcat on it and included the Parkhurst Pirates theme as well as the Homecoming theme.

(The boards) were very artistic and held to the theme with great creativity and artistry," Rehling said.

The students and community advisors were very involved in the competition for the prize of a fully funded hall program

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Deal proposes changes to HOPE Scholarship

MATT CHAMBERS SENIOR REPORTER

for the race this year was 16:33.7.

dove off the stage into the crowd.

The HOPE Scholarship will undergo drastic changes as soon as next Fall under a plan proposed by Gov. Nathan Deal on Feb. 22.

Students with a 3.0 GPA will only receive 90 percent of the fiscal year 2011 tuition rate instead of the cost of full tuition. Deal's plan also eliminates the funds for fees, books and remedial classes. According to the Director of Financial

Aid, Cathy Crawley, Georgia College had 3402 students qualified to receive the HOPE Scholarship in Fall 2010 before the changes passed.

Under his proposal, only high school students with a 3.7 GPA—and a 1200 SAT or 26 ACT score—will have their entire tuition covered under a new Zell Miller Scholarship program. These students will need to maintain at 3.5 throughout college to retain the scholarship.

"With this plan we are go-

ing to maintain one of the most generous scholarship programs the United States has ever seen or will ever see," Deal said. "Even in tough economic times we are facing, HOPE is going to endure, it's going to thrive.

Another change to the program is decoupling of tuition and HOPE aid. Aid will instead be adjusted annually by the General Assembly based on lottery revenue, meaning that if tuition increases HOPE aid may not increase. Deal also proposed spend-

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ing around \$10 million for a low-interest loan program for students who cannot maintain a 3.0 GPA. The program will have around a one-percent in-terest rate and the loan would be forgiven for those who teach math or science in Georgia public schools. In 2008, Georgia lawmakers passed a similar program but never dedicated any money for it. Deal's proposal will go the

the Georgia Legislature to be debated and voted on before any changes will be enacted.

According to Crawley, the changes could be enacted as early as July 1— the start of the HOPE Office's fiscal year.

"Right now it's just a bill so there's a lot of negotiations going on right now and the little things could actually change," Crawley said. "As soon as the Governor signs it we will communicate it to students to make sure students are informed."

According to Deal, the plan will save about \$300 million. The HOPE Scholarship has been straining due to an increase in aid recipients —over a 22 percent increase from FY 2009 to FY 2010—as well as tuition while lottery funds only increased slightly over one percent over that time.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission set up three triggers to try and offset the strain on HOPE. The triggers were first to cut book funding in half, then completely and to finally to eliminate fee pay

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News Flash

Fraud location narrowed down

The point of compromise has been determined for the financial transaction card fraud that has been occurring on campus since early February. According to Public Safety, the location is off campus, but cannot be disclosed at this time. Four suspects who have benefited from the theft, have been identified. Officials do not have any new suspects at this time.

QUOTABLE I love singing and acting and could not imagine living my life without theater and drama being a part of it." Shirelle Ruddock, senior theatre major

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NUMBER CRUNCH

The number of reported cases of financial transaction card fraud since Feb. 5 at Georgia College. This statistic is as of Feb. 23.

Source: Public Safety

SGA elections usher in changes for Fall

Karanovich, Sheppard elected SGA President, Vice President

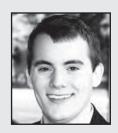
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Georgia College will see its first new SGA president since 2009. Junior political science major Evan Karanovich will take over next Fall following the completion of current SGA President, Zach Mul-

Karanovich defeated junior political science major and current SGA President Pro-Tempore, Andrew Whittaker, for the position.

"Andrew is a great friend...I've always enjoyed him sitting around the table at the discussions," Karanovich said. "He challenges me to think differently and I challenge him to think differently."
Whittaker and Karanovich

participated in the first-ever SGA presidential debate on Feb. 16. The American Democracy Project conducted a poll following the debate.



Karanovich

The results of the poll showed that 63 percent of those in attendance of the debate felt Whittaker was their most likely choice and Karanovich brought in 36 percent.

Junior business major Ross Sheppard will serve as the SGA Vice President next semester, taking over Karanovich's current po-

"(Ross and I) are good friends, but at the same time there is a line of professionalism we work on,"



Sheppard

Karanovich said. "We don't always see eye to eye and that helps us bring something else to the

Two freshman SGA Senators were elected to positions in next year's SGA Executive staff.

Freshman undeclared major Caroline Clements won the position of secretary, taking over for senior political science Claire Cantrell, current SGA secretary, who will be graduating in May.

Freshman exercise science major Sean Espinosa will act as SGA Treasurer taking over for junior early childhood education major Megan Moss.

Both Caroline and Sean have really proven themselves in Senate and they student body saw that in the election," Karanovich said.

According to Cantrell, there were over 2,300 student votes in the election. Since the SGA President, Vice President and President Pro-Tempore were all on the ballot either for a SGA position or for Mr. Georgia College, Cantrell appointed a committee of Senators to oversee the elections. The committee was compiled of SGA Senators not involved in RSOs with candidates.

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Paul Jahr, and Director of Campus Life, Tom Miles, verified the election results.

Poll fails to predict results

SUBMITTED BY Marta Pascual Caballero

Rounds of

Presidential

Debate 2011

1) Candidates

to respond to

questions from

moderators and

representatives

2) Candidates

asked questions to

their opponents

3) Candidates

questions from

including issues

like the potential

tuition increase

answered

students

media

university student

had 60 seconds

the SGA

A poll of 40 students taken after the presidential debate last Wednesday in the Student Activity Center failed to predict the winner of the SGA presidential election.

Only 40 out of 99 students who attended the debate took part in the poll, but SGA's President-elect, Evan Karanovich, lost the poll with only 36 percent of the vote. The poll was conducted by a representative of the American Democracy Project and results posted on the SGA Presidental Debate 2011 Facebook event.

Around 35 percent of students voted in the general election. It was a 15 percent increase in student participation compared to the elections in 2009.

"I really was very impressed," Karanovich said. "A lot of people have judged elections in general as a popularity contest and Georgia College took this as an opportunity."

This increased interest in SGA elections was reflected two days before the vote in the crowded debate room. At the beginning of the event, almost every chair was occupied, and those who arrived late found it standing room only.

The debate was structured in three rounds. In the first round, the candidates had to respond in 60 seconds to questions made by the moderators and school media representatives.

In the second round each candidate asked his opponent specific questions. On one side, runner-up Andrew Whittaker asked Karanovich if his involvement in numerous student organizations will take away from the time he'll need to run SGA. On the other side, Karanovich asked his opponent if the electorate should think of him as indecisive, since reneged on his promise not to run for SGA president.

The third round of the debate allowed candidates to answer students' questions.

Karanovich looking forward to future changes when he takes office

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On May 15, SGA President-elect, Evan Karanovich, will take over the reigns from current SGA President, Zach Mullins.

"When the president is elected...it becomes a responsibility of the current executive board to help transfer their power to the new staff," Mullins said. Over the next few

months, Karanovich will be learning the ropes from Mullins while trying to prepare for next year. Due to his prior experience Kara-novich feels better suited to take over than previous candidates.

"I've sat in (Student

Activities Budget Committee) already so I kind of know that," Karanovich said. SABC will be one of the first things Karanovich will be helping with as SGA President-elect. Mullins will remain chair of the SABC board for the Spring allocations, as is the custom, to help keep some consistency on the board.

According to Kara-novich, he'll be working on figuring out how his administration will work so he can hit the ground

running.
"A lot of the things I'm doing now is looking at the rest of the year and how I want it to go (next year)," he said. "There's a lot of work between May and the beginning of the semester. This is the first transition in two years so there's a lot of housekeeping things we'll need to do."

While Karanovich won't have a formal ceremony until the Fall semester's SGA Senators are sworn in, he will be working over the summer to help next year start right.

"There's a lot of work between May and the beginning of the semester. I'm going to be working with students and staff to do what I call 11 for 11," Karanovich said. "It'll be a list to see what we do in terms of continuing projects from Zach and new things.

Currently on Karanovich's list is an appli-cation for Georgia Col-

On Karanovich's To Do List:

- ✓ Georgia College app to be used on smartphones
- ✓ Ensuring that students' opinions are heard in the end-of-course evaluations
- Following up on the bell tower and student email projects if they are not completed this semester

lege that could be used on smartphones. He's also looking into ensuring students' opinions get heard in the end-of-course evaluations.

Karanovich also plans to carry on some projects from the current SGA session that may not be finished in time. Among those projects, the bell tower and student email are both possibilities for carrying over to next semester. He also plans to be more aggressive with his projects since he will only be in office one year.
"I'm going to be a one-

and-done president...that's a little time for the carry over," Karanovich

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NRHH kicks off year with new Study Bucks program

David Cox STAFF WRITER

This year marks the first time in which the National Residence Hall Honorary has been active at Georgia College. Though the university has had an honorary chapter for several years, the NRHH has taken steps to become an active organization this year, including drafting a constitution.

Founded in 1964 in Denver, the NRHH is a national organization with chapters at over 200 universities.

To kick off its first active year at Georgia College, the NRHH chapter is hosting a Study Bucks program in which residents can earn currency called study bucks, for demonstrating good academic habits in the residence halls.

"We're very excited about study bucks," said Cindy McClanahan, Interim Associate Director of Student Development and Director of Marketing for University Housing.

The way the program works is that any NRHH member or residence hall staff member may award residents with study bucks any time they witness residents practicing good study habits. For example, if an NRHH member sees a resident doing homework in a residence hall lobby, they may award that student with a study buck. At the end of the semester, the NRHH will hold an auction where students can bid on prizes using the study bucks they've earned throughout the

'The prizes in the auction will include things like iPod Touches and flat screen tvs," said NRHH advisor Paul Grigsby.

In addition to study bucks, Grigsby said that the organization is also hosting an of the month program to recognize outstanding students and organizations. Each month, NRHH members select people and organizations to win that month's

"It can be a lot of things," Grigsby said. "You can be student of the month, staff member of the month or even community of the month.

The NRHH is a highly selective organization, and its represent the top one percent of on campus residents, as determined by faculty and staff nominations. According to McClanahan, the primary functions of the organization are service to the university and recognition of its members.

'I think our NRHH members are some of the strongest leaders on campus," McClanahan said.

NRHH membership is determined by faculty and staff nominations, as well as nominations by current NRHH members. In accordance with the top one percent rule, Georgia College's NRHH chapter has 23 members. According to Grigsby, the organization graduates students every year, leaving available spots for newcomers. For this reason, the organization constantly seeks residents with good potential.

We're on the lookout for students who will make good NRHH members," Grigsby said.

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New class allows course credit for in-school tutoring

Lara Whiteley Staff Writer

Charles Martin, director of The Center for Program Evaluations, has coordinated a program that gets Georgia College students into local middle and high school classrooms in efforts to expand knowledge about science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Project FOCUS not only furthers the education of local school children, but it also increases classroom experience for Georgia College students.

Certain requirements must be met to get involved with Project FOCUS. The program looks for students with 12 course hours in the field they

are interested in being involved with. Considering the course is highly interactive, students need to be sure that they have time within their weekly schedules for in-class time as well as peer discussions. The project directors have concluded that involvement in this program will require approximately eight to nine hours a week.

During the week, participants spend around three hours in the actual, live classroom where each individual has the opportunity to partner-teach middle or high school students. Within each classroom, the Georgia College students have the chance to work with the lo-cal school children in multiple

settings including one-on-one,

small focus groups, or even entire class settings.

'This class provides (certain) undergraduates to be in the classroom and have the opportunity to experience what a cohort would provide considering there is no secondary cohort," said senior math major Hilary Rogers.

Not only will this develop the experience of those teaching, but it will also provide a better opportunity for the children to better grasp the concepts being introduced to them. Participants also attend a one hour weekly seminar, assist their partner teacher in forming lesson plans, as well as compose a weekly

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Homecoming events promote Bobcat pride

Over 25 RSOs pitch their tents at Tent City Tailgating before Homecoming game

CONNOR JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Homecoming proved true to tradition as students, faculty and staff flooded Tent City last Saturday

Alumni, RSOs, Greek Life and groups came out to enjoy the festivities before the game. Almost 700 alumni registered to return to Millegeville for Alumni Weekend, according to Herbert Agnew, director of Alumni Relations.

"This was my first year going to Tent City," said freshman psychology major Taylor Solomon. "All of the tailgates have been fun last semester and this semester so far, but the Homecoming tailgate topped them all. The weather was beautiful, and it turned into an awesome day of music, food, yard sports, and above all friends."

Other students agree that Tent City this year proved to be just as eventful as last years.

"I went to Tent City last year and it was a lot of fun," said sophomore business management major Kerry Jivide. "But this year it seemed to have a much larger turnout. For a while, the tents and the area around Centennial Center was so packed it was hard to get to the tables.'

According to SGA Secretary Claire Cantrell, there were 25 to 30 RSOs with tents set up at Tent City

were also incentives given to those who had the best 'paws" at Paws for a Cause, an



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Students, faculty, staff and alumni mingle at Tent City Tailgating on Saturday Feb. 19 as part of the Homecoming week festivities. Organizations and groups could purchase tents in the area around the reflection pool to reunite with old friends, share memories and enjoy the warm weather from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day.

event a few days prior to Tent City. During Paws for a Cause, RSOs painted paw prints for their organization. Jamie Knox, PR Committee Chair for SGA, supplied cookie cakes to Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Sigma Phi for having the most artistic paw prints.

"We wanted to give something to the RSO with the best paw prints,"

Knox said. "We chose to give them something edible for their tailgate because we knew anything eatable would be well received."

One of the biggest components to Homecoming is the Alumni Weekend events.

"Alumni Weekend draws a lot of people into the city," Agnew said. This year, we topped last years attendance for Alumni Weekend by 214 percent."

The Class of 1961 also attended their 50th class reunion this year.

"The alums were very excited to see the recent changes on campus, as well as the nostalgic places that were here when they were," Agnew said.

Public Safety increases security for Homecoming concert

KATELYN HEBERT SENIOR REPORTER

The number of attendees at this year's Homecoming concert almost doubled from past years, however, few issues occurred in relation to the magnitude of the crowd, according to Public

Deputy Chief, Major Joe Grant, oversaw Public Safety's role in the Homecoming events and made sure things ran smoothly.

'We're not a security agency, but a lot of times you do things that are security natured and (the concert) would have been one of the types that we were probably providing security for the concert, and also having a police presence," Grant said.

The Homecoming Committee requested six Public Safety officers to assist with the con-

cert. Since the concert fell on a Thursday night, the staff was a little larger than other nights but Public Safety did have to request more officers to be on duty.

When we do bring other people in we have to justify it. We can't always pay people overtime out of our budget so we have to look at other people to help provide us to pay over-time," Grant said. "We agreed to split that cost with the Homecoming Committee and we were going to pay for some of them and they were going to pay for some of them.

Six of the officers on duty were covering inside the concert and six more were patrolling the parking lot of Centennial Center and answering normal calls.

Not only did we have the 12 officers that worked for Public Safety, I also want to think we had six S.N.A.P. officers inside

but I believe we had about two on the outside still running the golf carts and providing the

S.N.A.P. service," Grant said. S.N.A.Pofficer Jordan Brown ran security for the VIP section

"We didn't have any prob-lems," Brown said. "We had a couple people try to sneak in my area and a couple of people try to sneak in downstairs but overall nobody was outside of where they needed to be.'

The patrols outside the concert also only ran into one issue with a student

"We actually picked up a guy who was walking through (the parking lot) pulling on door handles," Grant said.

There were a few other incidents inside the concert but

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KENDYL WADE/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER S.N.A.P. officer Kyle Grimes works to control the crowd in the stage area during the Homecoming Concert. According to Major Grant approximately 4,000 people attended the concert.

O & A with the Co-Chair of the Concert Committee: Gina Peavy

How many people worked to plan the concert?

There are Reese and I along with two students, Zach Mullins and Billy Grace who make up the concert committee. However, the day of we have anywhere from 15 - 25 people who are on-site to get the work done before, during and after the show. We have volunteers that work with the production company to get the stage built, sound equipment and light installed and then everything broken down and re-loaded on the trucks. There are many others that I have left out, but who spent countless hours working hard to make the concert happen.

What Georgia College resources were put into Homecoming?

I cannot even begin to list all the resources. The most important is manpower and time. We spend a large amount of time going over every detail to be sure everything is covered. Aside from that, money is another top resource. The Homecoming Committee gives us an overall budget for the concert.

How much money was spent on your area of Homecoming?

Our total budget this year for the concert was \$62,600. That's where being inventive and negotiations come in handy.

When did planning begin for this year's Homecoming Concert?

We first met about the concert sometime in September. We start by brainstorming about possible acts based on feedback we received since the previous concert. We cannot really begin anything until we know exactly how much our budget will be. Once we have that we can begin the long tedious back and forth with a booking agent to find an act that we want, can afford, is available, and mostly is willing to come to Georgia College.

Library encourages student use of new amenities

VANESSA WHITED $S_{\mathsf{TAFF}} \ W_{\mathsf{RITER}}$

The library recently installed four new flat-paneled television screens, funded by student technology fees, in four different study

rooms.

"We wanted to make a more collaborative learning environment," said Kell Carpenter, the library's technical assistant. "(The televisions) are less intrusive and leave more room for groups.

According to Carpenter, the flat-paneled televisions are an upgrade from the previous televisions that occupied the study rooms.

Two of the four tele-

visions also include media equipment, such as VCR, DVD and record players. The equipment was added as a means to utilize the various media the library offers to students, such as VHS tapes and vinyl records.

Students can also plug their laptops up to the new televisions for use as external monitors, offering a much collaborative group working environment.

Faye Heal, the interim coordinator of Access Services, proposed the upgrade.

"We thought it was important to utilize the space and offer more resources to students and the Student Technology Fees Committee agreed," Heal said.

The television upgrades are just the first step in making the library a more appealing place for students.

"We want to encourage people to come here not because they have to, but because there are a lot of resources available to them," Carpenter said.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Library and Instructional Technology Center, the LITC and Access Services have concluded that students are generally unaware of most of the services they offer. In addition to the computer labs, multimedia editing lab, study rooms, and book,

periodical and newspaper checkout, the LITC inexpensive offers faxing and laminating as well as access to services such as GIL Express, Interlibrary Loan, and Library Express. These services allow Georgia College students to request media, and library staff will locate it for them either from Georgia

charge. Additionally, there are 13 laptops available for checkout at Access Services and the Instructional Technology Center offers technology equipment checkout as well, including iPads, digital

College's own library

or other libraries in the

state or country, free of

cameras, voice recorders and more.

Sophomore chology major Brent Osborne works in the LITC and, contrary to the LITC's recent survey results, said he sees a steady stream of students checking out

equipment.
"We really try to let people know the services we offer," Osborne said. "We even went out on the shuttles one day with some of the equipment and showed students how it worked while telling them about the checkout procedure.3

The LITC plans to continue to gauge how to promote their lesserknown services.



VANESSA WHITED / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Cody Carson, freshman management and marketing major, works in one of the study rooms with one of the new flat-paneled televisions. This room is one of

two that also includes a stack of new media equipment for student use.

Maintenance issue causes Foundation Hall rumors to swirl

HILARY THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

Wall cracks in a room in Foundation Hall have caused rumors to circle around campus with theories abound about what the true problem could be. It turns out, however, that the residence hall's foundation is not to blame for certain problems existing in several rooms.

"We were asked to respond to some issues related to cracks in the wall. Part of the issues is what they call differential set-

tling, that's just an accumulation of gaps in-between the wood structures when they're building the buildings, over a period of years the weight of the building closes in those gaps," said Associate Director of Operations and Maintenance John Webb. "If it moves a half inch something's got to give, and it's usually the sheet rock, so you have a crack in the wall."

Certain rooms of Foundation also have dips in the floor, primarily around the closet area. The lack of substantial wood blocking within the floor is what causes the bowing to oc-"The floor is bowing

due to absence of proper blocking and there is some deflection in the floor system," Webb said. "We have to go in and cut the floor up on either side and put wood blocking in and patch the floor back up.' Students, however, ap-

pear to have reached their own conclusions about the cause of the problems in Foundation Hall.

"Everyone thinks there's a sinkhole. I've heard that

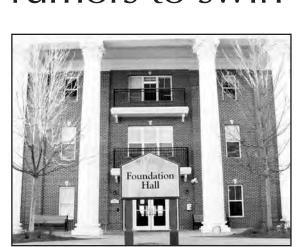
one side of the building is on a sinkhole and that the floor is sinking because of it," freshman psychology major Keylee Bowen said.

Foundation Hall is not the only building exhibiting these signs of differential settlement. Buildings at West Campus and other residence halls have been reported as having the same problems.

'There's a girl in Napier Hall who has a hole in her floor from where the bed post went through," freshman English major Lauren

Plant Operations personnel want to stress that the cracks and other problems in campus buildings are not serious matters and can be easily fixed.

"While this is certainly something that needs looking at, these things are not life-threatening, no one needs to be scared to be in those rooms, said Interim Assistant Vice President of Facilities Dave Groseclose. "No one's going to get injured because of it. We're aware of the situation and we're taking corrective ac-



Cracks are appearing in the walls of Foundation Hall due to differential settling, which is the closing of the gaps over time that accumulated during construction.

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of their choice and a pizza party for everyone in the Residence

"Our students spend weeks on it and do their best to hide their work from the other halls," Rehling said. "They regularly try to find out what they other halls are doing so it is a bit of work to keep it all secret.'

Trivia time

Students gathered in Magnolia Ballroom on Wednesda evening to show their Georgia College knowledge at the Blue and Green Trivia Bowl. According to CAB President and mass communication major, Cara Davis, history question about Georgia College were asked, as well as math, science, music and sports related questions.

Prizes were given to the three teams with the highest overall scores and to the team with the most creative name.

"First place winners received

a fast pass into the B.o.B. concert held on Thurs. night so they wouldn't have to wait in the long lines to get in," Davis said. "They also go gift cards to the Milledgeville movie theatre. Second place winners got a Blackbird gift card and third place winners were awarded with a movie bucket.'

The Trivia was so successful, CAB with be hosting another upcoming trivia night with a Disney theme according to the CAB vice president of public relations, Kristin Ferrell.

Thursday evening before the Homecoming concert, VIP guests were honored with appetizers provided by Sodexo.

They were able to enjoy a balcony view of the stage with refreshments, reserved seating, and early entrance to the concert with a relaxing environment for guests to mingle," said Heather Brown, catering manager of Sodexo.

These guests included people within the university, individuals involved with the Homecoming Committee and

"(We wanted) to give some-

thing back to those who make Homecoming and all the events and festivities possible," Brown

Murder mystery

The second annual "Golden Slipper Murder Mystery Show" was also a huge hit during Homecoming week.

"About 200 people attended (including) students and alumni from the classes of '61 and '71," Miles said.

The show was a huge hit among the alumni as it represents an old Georgia College tradition and legend.
"It started when we were

an all girls school," said Britta Gervais, vice president of CAB traditional events. "It was a lot like a talent pageant and whoever won got a golden slipper bobby pin holder as a prize."

It is this mysterious symbol of Georgia College that has sparked interest and even sportsmanlike competition in many faculty, students and alumni.

"After the murder mystery show, we had the detective go through all of the clues. Sus-

pects were even asked questions by the audience and once the crowd made their predictions, winners were determined and received free CAB T-shirts, Frisbees and other CAB freebies," Gervais said.

Actors from the show were from the Armed Farces Improv Comedy Troupe on campus and contributed to the entertainment of the show.

Running the Ramble Saturday morning, 413 registered participants started their Homecoming day off with a running start during the seventh annual Bobcat Ramble.

It was the largest Bobcat Ramble yet. There were 73 more runners than last year, according to the Assistant Director of Wellness Programs, Amy Whatley.

"It's a fun, family oriented event that promotes health and wellness, raises scholarship money for a local student to attend Ğeorgia College, and it's a memoriam to a previous Georgia College cross country athlete, John Bruner, who passed away during his sophomore

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year running in another race," Whatley said.

After 359 participants finished the 5K race, spirit awards were given to the organizations with the most participants. According to Whatley, the Ultimate Greek Organization was awarded to Alpha Delta Pi, the Ultimate RSO was given to RSA and the Ultimate School was awarded to Oak Hill Middle School.

Parade of pride

The Homecoming Parade, which has been a Georgia College tradition for four years, occurred Saturday morning at 11 a.m. The parade trailed all the way from the Wellness Depot, passed the Residence Halls and Main Campus and ended at the Centennial Center next to the Tent City Tailgate just in time for the cookout and Cornhole Tournament to begin.

The parade consisted of 42 entries and 17 floats and included participation from fraternities, sororities, staff members, the Pep Band, Residence Halls, and even the Grounds Crew, said Greg Brown, associate director of Auxiliary Services.

According to Brown, the purpose of the annual parade is to encourage Bobcat pride and to display this year's Homecoming theme.

Next year, Brown plans to make a few changes to the parade to ensure the parade success and keep the tradition

"I hope we can entice more student clubs and athletic teams to be a part of the parade, such as out World Series baseball team," Brown said. "Another change we might make is to shorten the route. Next year we may turn on Liberty (Street) instead of going all the way down to Wilkinson. We'll get the same audience and disrupt the downtown area less.

Judging the parade floats took place on Front Campus and results were announced after the men's Homecoming basketball game. Phi Mu Fraternity took first place, second place went to the mowing crew and third place went to the Pep

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essay reflecting on the events of the week.

Although Project FOCUS is not considered a teacher training course, it provides many benefits for college students pursuing a career in teaching or in any of the S.T.E.M. fields by ing communication as well as leadership skills.

"It's a great upper level elective option for students considering teaching when they graduate because it gives them real life experience and the ability to make an impact in the community," said Graduate Assistant Rachel Ledford.

Project FOCUS also provides great opportunity for students looking to increase their community service hours as it has

been designed in such a way that each hour spent in the classroom counts as one hour community service. program

strives to help the local school system in that it increases the knowledge of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in school students as well as provides fresh ideas to teachers in the local education

system. Not only will Project FOCUS be beneficial to the school system but also to the community as a whole by promoting the interaction between the local schools and Georgia College stu-

"With Project FO-CUS, students can enrich their lives while making an impact on kids in the Milledgeville community," Ledford said.

Project FOCUS is a great option for those pursuing careers related to any of the S.T.E.M. fields, teaching, or even those simply interested in

community service. 'There has been steady interest in the past, but we want more interest because this is such a great opportunity," Ledford said.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in this program should find out more information through the Georgia College website or contact Charles Martin charles.martin@ gcsu.edu.

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none significant according to Public

"I think it went great," Grand said. "We had right around 4,000 spectators come in to the event and we only made three arrests."

The arrests were minor — all alco-

"Any time you get that large of

people together, you're going to have some issues. But we had very few is-sues for that amount of people," Grant

The S.N.A.P. officers were taken off guard by B.o.B.s stage dive.

"(The dive) was unplanned," Brown said. "If we had known that was going to happen we would have had more people down there. As it was, we needed more barriers up and we needed more people down there keeping people off the stage and off the subwoofers and stuff.'

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all lottery expenditures.

The program will stay

universal and free, but it

been discussed and the will cut back from sixand-a-half hour days to overall fairness of the changes recommended," four-hour days. Davis said in the state-

By reducing the day, 5,000 new Pre-K slots will be added to address the 9,000 individuals on the wait list. The plan also adds \$4.2 million to increase Pre-K quality and \$4.5 million for at-risk children.

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said. "It gives me a challenge to do everything as quickly and efficiently as possible." Karanovich feels that he brings a

new perspective to SGA compared to his predecessor.

'It's not so much a business mindset and I'm not say that's bad, I don't see that being a bad thing," Karanovich said. "I just have a different

Mullins has already started giving Karanovich advice. The main advice Mullins gives is to not take criticism and critiques personally. Mullins will be graduating after having been SGA

President for two years. "Hopefully what I've done has left a mark and it'll benefit Georgia College in the long run," Mullins said.

Karanovich feels he will follow in Mullin's footsteps.

"Both Zach and I are Eagle Scouts and in Scouts they teach you to always leave something better than you find it and hopefully I'll do that," Karanovich said.

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<u>Dpinion</u>

Lifetime movie about trial is not acceptable

Four years ago Amanda Knox was the center of a murder trial that garnered international attention from the press; now she is the inspiration for Lifetime's newest movie "Amanda Knox: Murder on Trial in Italy." The 23-year old college student from Seattle was convicted for the murder Meredith Kercher, her flatmate, in the Italian hill town of Perugia in Nov. 2007. She was found guilty of murder and sexual assault in Dec. 2009 and sentenced to 26 years in prison, which she is currently serving in Italy.

Hayden Panettiere premiered as Knox last Monday when the movie was released in the United States. The movie follows Knox's junior year abroad beginning with a blooming romantic relationship, through the shocking events of a druginfused, sexual game culminating with murder and ending with Knox's arrest. The movie has been met with a slew of outrage from both Knox's attorneys and Kercher's family.

Knox has launched an appeal against her conviction, with the next hearing to be held in a Perugia court room later this month. Knox's attorney's argue that the trailers and movie will poison the jury and judge against her. They claim the movie will ruin her right to a fair trial under the Italian Constitution when only a month ago a court judge ordered an independent review of the DNA evidence used to convict the Knox.

While true events have long been the basis of great films, Lifetime jumped the gun on this real-life thriller. The movie will not be aired in Italy, but pirated versions are sure to have already gone viral reaching across countries. In addition to Lifetime's insensitivity to the ongoing trial, the film is riddled with flaws-19 of them—according to Seattle Post-Intelligencer despite the fact that Lifetime states the film was based on Italian court documents, transcripts and media coverage. The movie version of Knox visits an Italian amusement park with her lover, has a Catholic mother who wears a crucifix and is confronted by her flatmate about a messy bathroom-- remarks that send her into a rage and result in her stabbing her flatmate to death. In reality, Knox never visited the Italian amusement park, does not have a Catholic mother and was never confronted by her flatmate (friends state she was too timid to breach the subject). Also, the release of the movie less than five years after Kercher's murder screams of insensitivity to the pain suffered by Kercher's family especially with the inclusion of a graphic trailer scene of Kerhcher being attacked, a scene abruptly dropped from the broadcast.

Though the riveting murder drama does not expressly condemn Knox as guilty, it ultimately has the power to sway Knox's fate. The Colonnade does not approve the making of movies that interfere with the administration of justice in serious crimes. An individual's right to fair trial is worth far more than television ratings.

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STEVE HOLBERT

Dear Credit Card Bandit,

You are a genius. A sneaky genius. On behalf of the dozens, if not hundreds, of college students you have robbed of precious debit and credit card numbers, I wanted to say, thank you. In these past two weeks, I have learned more about work ethic, banking and ingenuity than I had in three years of higher edueternally grateful.

Since you stole my debit card number, I have been unable to partake in time wasting activities. Without cash, I could not purchase alcohol to cope with my initial anger, but this lack of liquor forced me to focus my rage into a more productive habithomework. I was also supped to take a young lady out to dinner, and when monetary issues forced me to postpone, she settled for someone who carried cash. Thus, my Friday night was spent doing homework and working on my memoir. I don't anticipate

purchase unhealthy groceries, I fasted and dove deeper into my foreign language, which significantly raised my GPA while lowering my waist size.

In addition to perseverance, your life-coaching methods opened my eyes to the world of adult banking. I learned when fraud assistance men and women call to ask for a verification e-mail address, some college students have between two to seven separate inboxes, which makes them look even more suspicious. Next, I discovered when banks review my statements, I must explain every

Subsequently, I learned bankers are a judgmental bunch.

The final and most important life lesson I learned from this process was how to make a large amount of cash in a short period of time. Many college students assume selling yourself over the Internet is a quick and painless process, but it is certainly not. After logging off my computer, I learned the importance of filling out applications because eagerness and purple ink are no longer positive signs in job interviews or while selling one's semen. Several failures taught me

talking about physical labor. Do you know how far girl scouts will chase a white man who has their collection box? Four blocks. Four Samoascented blocks.

My life has been changed for the better, and you are the sole man, woman or technosavey transvestite responsible, and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I sincerely hope someone steals your personal information in the future, and you also learn a lesson.

Comedic as always, Steve Holbert

Kicking it old school

Since beginning writing for the Colonnade, I have yet to talk about music. This is pretty surprising for myself since music is a large part of my life and a great interest. I have played guitar for 11 years, have been in several bands, and until recently, gigged routinely. Now, generally, I keep an open mind about music, but tend to dislike current pop music; but maybe that has all changed.

I know the Grammy's aired over a week ago, but it has taken that long for me to figure out what is going on the current musical atmosphere. It's apparent that there is generally a retrospective look in terms of popular music. In the 90's, there was a resemblance between the current music and the music of the late 60's and 70's. Lately, we have seen a look back to 80's music with the use of synthesizers, which for me is not a good thing. I absolutely hate 80's pop and rock music (barring a few bands, of course). However, if the Grammy's are a good

indicator, there is an even

Ben

Elliot

Many times Americans lose sight of the

things that make our country great. We get

changed or what we "feel" entitled to. This

often times can lead to considerable dissat-

isfaction with our country and can unfortu-

It's easy to complain about a nation and

nately lead to a pessimistic view of America.

constitution however: we need to realize we

are still taking advantage of the amenities.

We are a nation with great privilege,

opportunity and freedom. America is a free

country and we often lose sight of what

this truly means. We posses the ability to

think freely, express our opinions publically

and choose the direction of our life and the

choices we make whether they be large or

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small scale. These privileges should be con-

hold opinions contrary to our own, and prac-

tice beliefs different from our own, but that's

what makes our country unique. And, these

its free nature. It's how we respond to these

opinions that makes the difference. Though

I might not agree with someone else's belief

I am not willing to throw out everything the

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fellow citizens, whether republicans, demo-

crats, Christians or people of no faith, as sec-

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convictions. We cannot afford to treat our

are necessary for our country to maintain

Americans must come realize others will

caught up in what we believe "should be"



ALEX **S**MITH

more retrospective sound to music now.

There seems to be a re-emergence of an almost proto-country music. I wouldn't exactly call it bluegrass, but it's definitely an Appalachian Folk music sound, with a hint of sounds of the Scots-Irish folk music. The Scots-Irish incidentally were large parts of the settlers in the Appalachian region, which probably is why I hear their influence. The Grammy's had Bob Dylan perform, no doubt a nod to the Folk-esque bands who performed before him. Mumsford & Sons and The Avett Brothers, both wielding acoustic guitars and banjos, indicative of the Appalachian sound, gave amazing performances to lead in to Bob Dylan. However, both bands are not purely retrospective. They

America, rights are awesome

introduce modern lyric play and subject matter.

Not to be outdone, there seems to be a harkening back to 50's music as well. Performances by Bruno Mars and Cee-lo Green offer good evidence. Both artists have a resemblance 50's soul, and "doo-wop" sounds. Cee-lo Green's "Fuck You," which was so heavily edited at the Grammy's, it lost any resemblance of the original song, has that 50's R&B sound, complete with backup singers.

Old R&B tries and tries to come back, a testament to its universal appeal, but never really has any staying power. A few years back we saw Amy Winehouse become popular, but she has faded from view. Hopefully, with the new interest in 50's music, and Appalachian music, they will both stick around. This kind of music seems to have a deeper sound, song meaning, and in the case of 50's style music, a sort of playfulness that alludes popular music in general.

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Americans with the individuals who do truly

hate this great nation and wish to inflict

harm on our freedom. What makes Ameri-

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However, just because someone's belief sys-

tem is different doesn't mean their motiva-

tions cannot be to be thankful for all of the

I know what you must be thinking as

you're reading this. That I think America is

perfect. This is not true. However, I do not

think dwelling on this past notions will do

anything but hinder our future. Continuing

to apologize and unearth past wounds will

We must look to our future and wish to not

make the same mistakes but not still remain

patriotic toward our country. America is so

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or pledging allegiance to one issue political

We cannot afford to let our patriotism

be defined either by who's in office or how

America especially when we're reaping all

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est country in the world and I unapologeticly

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THOUGHTS AND RANTS OF GEORGIA COLLEGE

Man, I love the beautiful weather but I am not quite as fond of the front campus sidewalk that becomes a frisbee path of doom. I have a sneaking suspici on that they get ten points for every person they hit...

You won Ms. Georgia College, congratulations. Now be classy and clean up your campaign posters.

why do we have so many tests this week!

I am excited to "read all about it" in this week's colonade!

my life sucks..

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"What is your favorite Georgia College sports team?"



"The basketball team, because they are explosive and fun to watch." Brennan Zito, sophomore marketing major

"I'd say baseball. I grew up playing it, I just like the game so I like watching it." John Tucker, senior criminal justice major





"I do like the girls soccer team because they're super intense. It makes me happy to be a girl and know they can take on boy

Raisa Martinez, sophomore psychology

"I like the tennis team because they're attractive foreign boys." Mitsi Portwood, sophomore mass communica-





tions major

"I enjoy watching basketball because it is more entertaining and it is a very enthusiastic environment."

Ben Racc, junior philosophy major

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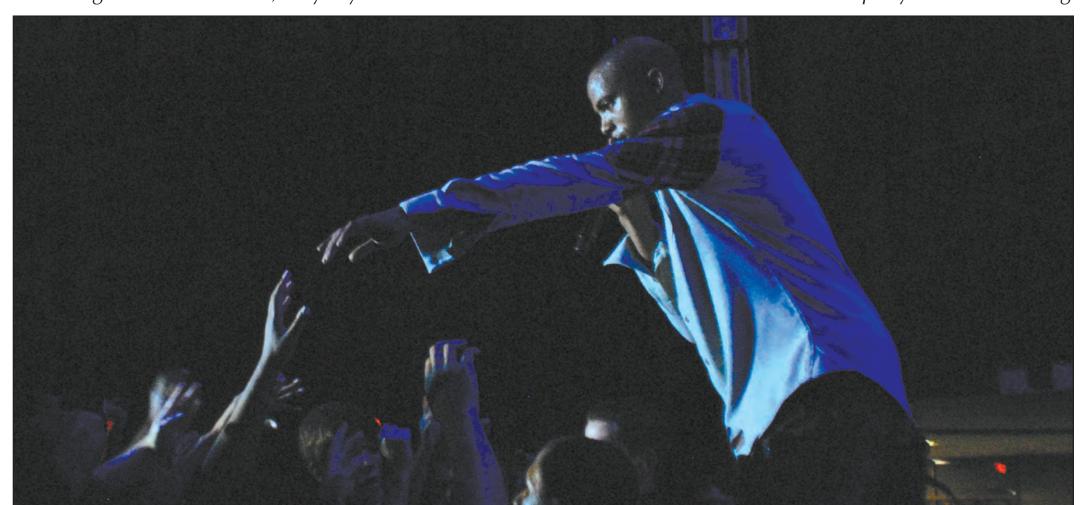
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B.o.B brings magic to Milledgeville

Musical guests Stokeswood, Playboy Tre and B.o.B turn the Centennial Center into a dance party for Homecoming



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

B.o.B,—the Homecoming Concert's headliner—was introduced by Stokeswood and Playboy Tre on Feb. 17. With over 4,000 in attendance, the event turned the Centennial Center from a basketball court to a concert hall, B.o.B, a native of Decatur, said "I have to say this is one of the most memorable shows I've ever done in Georgia. I definitely feel like Milledgeville showed out tonight." The concert was funded for by student fees and was met with a range of student opinions. The concert was just one of many events that took place to celebrate the Georgia College's Homecoming Week.

Drake Simons STAFF WRITER

Milledgeville's Centennial Center hosted a Grammy-nominated musician for Georgia College's Homecoming concert on Feb. 19. B.o.B. headlined a show for Georgia College students and the local community. The opening act Stokeswood is based locally in Milledgeville and performed at the 2010 Deep Roots Festival. After Stokeswood's and before B.o.B.'s performance Playboy Tre took the stage.

Between Stokeswood, Playboy Tre and B.o.B. many students felt that it was a good mix of music genres for the crowd to enjoy.

"I think that both crowds were satisfied," freshman business major Oliver Blackburn said.

Attendance was up from the 2010 Homecoming concert as around 4,000 concertgoers filled the seats and the floor despite earlier confusion about tickets for the concert. With every ticket being free including the limited number of tickets for the community and non-students, many felt that the concert was worth the cost.

"Stokeswood played seven or eight, maybe more songs. I mean, they played a good bit. I figured that B.o.B. wouldn't play as long because they were just taking up time but he

played really long. I was surprised," Blackburn said.

Freshman physics major Patrick Dowling agreed.

"For how many songs he (B.o.B.) played it was a deal, too," Dowling

Stokeswood started the concert and tried to build the energy.

"I heard Stokeswood at Deeproots and I knew that they were going to be kind of cool. They weren't my kind of music but they were cool," sophomore middle education major Ashli Dills said.

However, some of the crowd grew impatient with Stokeswood and began to chant 'B.oB.' over the music.

"They (Stokeswood) even said something like 'Are y'all ready for B.o.B.?' and everybody was going crazy," Blackburn said. "Of course you are, but you still give them re-

spect. I mean, they're up there." The energy picked up as Playboy Tre took the stage to perform songs on his own, but a delay between Playboy Tre and B.o.B. left the crowd waiting and it suspended the energy.

There were a lot of awkward, annoying pauses between each band which was frustrating," junior rhetoric major Meredith Nelson said.

B.o.B. recently performed at the Grammys and discussed how the national stage is different from local

"When you're performing on stage like tonight I can move around. On TV you have to be more controlled. I felt like tonight it was very high energy and that's something as a performer that you appreciate tremendously. The energy of the crowd is like the gas in the car. It's definitely a direct connection between the crowd and the performer," B.o.B said.

Taking advantage of his freedom B.o.B. fueled the crowd's energy when he took a surprise stage dive into the crowd. He didn't go far be-

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Sounds of 1940s transport, entertain audience

The Department of Theatre brings Georgia College back to simpler times with 'The 1940's Radio Hour'

Jessica Diamond STAFF WRITER

Georgia College was treated this week to a glimpse of old time radio magic with the Department of Theatre's "The 1940's Radio Hour." The audience was whisked away back to 1942 and became a radio show's own studio audience. The show opened on a stooped old man, played by freshman theatre major Trey Barnett, trudging around the stage, mumbling and answering phones. Soon, the stage is alive with the organized chaos of broadcasting as the audience is introduced to the other members of the radio crew, each unique in character and costume alike. The cast and crew began work on the show in Nov. and have devoted blood, sweat, tears and plenty of sleepless nights to perfecting this very time specific show.

"It was a dream to design because of the time period," said hair and make up designer junior theatre major Anna Gruber.

Everything on the stage, from the set to the costumes and make up, was made to look painstakingly authentic to the early 1940's, and the hard work paid off. The audience gladly abandoned their iPhones and embraced the simple magic and secret drama of the radio broadcast.

"It's more like watching a concert than a play," Gruber points out. The show's host, Clifton, played by senior theatre major Evan Fields practically had the audience convinced to go out

and buy war bonds and laxatives.

The cast of characters portrayed in this show was delightfully diverse. Performers ranged from the serious and stressed host to a womanizing lounge lizard and a nervous, but eager, young errand boy. The audience enjoyed the musical stylings of Connie, portrayed by sophomore theatre major Leah Keelan and B.J., played by freshman Josh Ramos, a young couple who love to dance, Ginger, played by sophomore theatre major Erin Borain, the lovely queen bee, and Biff, played by freshman theatre major William Warren, a soldier on



KENDYL WADE / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER From left, Leah Keelan, Sean Casey, Evan Fields, Andrew Markle, Ross Daniel and Hannah Schumacher perform a scene from "The 1940's Radio Hour."

his way to war, as well as whole collection of other talented performers.

Fields enjoyed that this was one of the more "lighthearted" shows he had been a part of at Georgia College, and points out that sometimes it is nice to have a show without a character being killed off. The show may be lighthearted in nature, but that didn't make it any less difficult. Senior theater major Nic Marrone, who plays Johnny Cantone, claims that this was one of the more difficult shows he has been a part of because of the complicated harmonies and intricate staging. The entire cast was on stage for the majority of the show, and had to be very careful not to run into one another during the performance. With ringing phones and slamming doors, the scene may look chaotic from the stands, but every step was carefully planned by director Amy Pinney and her crew. Zach Roberts, a sophomore newcomer to the stage who plays Stanely, shares that the cast is "friendly and entertaining," and that "Amy is an incredible director. She is so sweet and willing to put up with a newbie like me!"

This play is unique in that it doesn't seem to follow much of a story line, but allows for character development and progression just the same. It is less of a beginning, middle and end story, and more of a glimpse into the lives of real people from a real time. The show focuses on the music and current issues of the era rather than the story of any one character. The audience can imagine what it would have been like to be a family at home, crowded around the radio, or even the soldiers overseas during WWII, listening for some familiar sounds from

Senior theatre major steals show as the sassy Geneva Lee Browne

Brooks McAllister STAFF WRITER

Theater is more than just a pastime for senior Shirelle Ruddock it is a passion. Ruddock is performing in her sixth show, "The 1940's Radio Hour" at Georgia College. She began her college career as a mass communication major, but soon realized her passion lied in

Ruddock has been singing and acting since she was a little girl. She performed in numerous performances throughout middle school and high school at both her church and the Galloway School, where she attended from seventh grade onward. Theatre is a massive part of her life and she wholeheartedly participates in any production she can get her hands on.

"I've always loved theater ever since I was a little kid. Whenever I would go see a show, I fell in love with the arts even more," Ruddock with the arts even more, "Ruddock with the arts even more," Ruddock said. "It is something I really wanted to be a part of." Ruddock's most recent endeavor

is confidently taking on the role of the bold and brassy Geneva Lee Browne in Georgia College's performance of the "The 1940's Radio Hour." The cast has been working hard on the show since early Janu-

ary.
"I loved all the roles when I read the show. I auditioned and got called back for Geneva, which I thought would be a great role for me. I was really excited when I was cast in this role and have been working like a dog ever since," Ruddock said. "I love playing the role of Geneva because I have a lot of lee way

to really stretch her character." With "The 1940's Radio Hour" being Ruddock's sixth performance on the Georgia College stage, she really understands the intricacies of the stage and what type of energy it takes to be part of a successful performance. According to Ruddock, one of the greatest qualities of performing is that you learn something new about yourself every time you



Ruddock

attempt to identify with a character. "It is too hard to pick a favorite production," Ruddock said. "I have loved all of them and each production that you take part in has a different personal impact that relates to whatever stage of life that you are in. The way you do the production and interpret the character is really impacted by where you are

and how you feel at the time."
"The 1940's Radio Hour" opened this week and is a treat for Milledgeville. The musical is filled with upbeat jazz songs the provide the feeling of being in an old-fashioned radio station room.

"I've been on stage all my life. One of my favorite parts about 1940's Radio Show is that it is filled with old traditional jazz standards that have withstood the test of time," Ruddock said. "It has been really great to hear everyone's voices. There is something so pure about the tunes; the music is written, a piano plays the songs, there are a few accompanying instru-ments, and the voices of the cast. It has such a huge impact without the additional elements."

After graduation, Ruddock hopes to pursue a career in theater. Interning for a theater company would be ideal, and she would love to work in New York, London or anywhere overseas or on the East Coast. Ruddock would love not only to be in performances, but also hopes to possibly produce them one day.

"I love singing and acting and could not imagine living my life without theater and drama being a part of it," Ruddock said.

potlight: The Old Governor's Mansion



SUBMITTED BY GEORGIA COLLEGE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS The Old Governor's Mansion circa 1950.

College's oldest building on campus, the Old Governor's Mansion has seen a lot of history of the years.

Built in 1839, the mansion served as the official residence of Georgia governors until 1868. During the Civil War, the mansion played host to numerous parties, during which many Confederate soldiers would give riotous speeches. Despite such campaigning, union soldiers ended up camping in the front lawn of the mansion during Sherman's stay at the mansion before resuming his March to the Sea.

After the capital moved, the mansion remained abandoned for many years until it was converted into barracks for Georgia Military College, then Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College, in 1879.

In the late 1800s the mansion was used for dormitories by Georgia Normal and Industrial College, which later became Georgia College. An annex dormitory was built in 1893, the basement of which held one of the two campus dining halls. The presidents of the college and their families stayed on the main floor of the mansion from 1891 to 1987.

The Old Governor's Mansion went without restoration for many years until 1990 when initiatives began to return the mansion to its former glory. For three years, and after extensive research, the mansion was meticulously restored, right down to the proper lighting and coloring of its beginnings.

By Hilary Thompson

Movie Review: 'Just Go With It'

RYAN DEL CAMPO Reviewer

The best thing about the new Adam Sandler movie, "Just Go With It," is the title. The name of the film serves to implore its audience to suffer through the slapstick monotony that it relies on. The weak comedy raked in a respectable \$30.5 million in its opening weekend, which was thankfully more than Justin Bieber's ridiculous documentary "Never Say Never." However, it completely failed to impress me in any way,

Any man's first glance at Brooklyn Decker immediately identifies the sole saving grace of "Just Go With It." She is undoubtedly gorgeous, but even she cannot make sit-

ting through the feeble plot bearable.

The plot of "Just Go With It" revolves around Danny (Sandler), who commonly uses a wedding band to pick up loose women. But (surprise, surprise) it comes back to bite him when he finds a beautiful woman, Palmer (Decker), that he becomes interested in further than a sexual relationship. The movie presents a deep relationship between the two based on meeting each other for one night, and of course, sleeping together that night too. So much for the antiquated idea of romantic courtship.

When Palmer finds Danny's ring, she becomes suspicious of his marital status. So, Danny sets up an elaborate and ridiculous web of lies to continually appease her. Danny has his assistant Katherine (Jennifer Anniston) and her children help support his masochistic practice of lying to Palmer. But, if you have seen any of the 30-second TV spot for the movie, you already understand the whole plot – it really doesn't deviate from its simplistic plot.

The movie signed on Nick Swardson and his stupid brand of slapstick humor to make sure Sandler's newest movie had enough nut shots and awkward sexual innuendo to fulfill the quota for the remainder of the awful comedies coming up in 2011.

Also, it pained me to see one of my personal heroes, Dave Matthews, in another half-baked Happy Madison movie. His character, though exhibiting many of the traces of Matthew's charismatic personality, would be much better suited for an intelligent com-

Hopefully the impact of this movie will



Grade: F

be its nail in the coffin of Adam Sandler's dwindling popularity. I can't deny the comedic power of his classics like "Big Daddy" or "Happy Gilmore," stupid though they may be. But, Sandler has not starred in a halfdecent movie since "Anger Management" and that's still pushing it. It's time for him to take a step back and work on his producing career and stay of the silver screen.

What truly pains me is that this sort of movie is what Hollywood expects that America wants on Valentine's Day. The timing of the release of "Just Go With It" was no mistake, and it disgusts me that it is being passed off as romantic. After all, at no point during the movie does it suggest that lying to women to get them in your bed is a bad policy. Even after his structure of lies completely falls apart in the movie, Danny doesn't experience any negative consequences. Dispicable.

The bottom line: Though the Milledgeville economy would certainly love for you to spend more of your money in the city, I implore you to stay away from "Just Go With It." It's not worth the ticket price, it's not worth the time spent, and it certainly is not a true romantic comedy.



Royalty on campus

Jeff Brittain, Erin Gant are named Mr. and Ms. Georgia College

KATE RAMSEY STAFF WRITER

On Feb.19, this year's Mr. and Ms. Georgia College were crowned at the homecoming basketball game. The winners, senior environmental science major Jeff Brittain and junior Erin Gant, graciously accepted their awards, completing and validating their campaigning strategies from the previous week-and-a-half.

This campaign has been with Georgia College for a number of years, dating back to before the school even went co-ed. The very first Ms. Georgia College was crowned in the year of 1961, given to Jo Ann Conner. The competition has come a long way since then, as Georgia College has made numerous changes to the dynamics of the campaign as time has passed.

"This year, more than ever before, the school wanted this event to be more involved with our community, and to have the successors make more 'media-based' appearances, rather than just being a title," said senior mass communication major Ansley Tiller, Alpha Delta Pi and Ms. Georgia College candidate this year.

The candidates of this year's campaign all put forth an immense amount of effort and care into their individual operations. Promotional videos, fliers of all walks of life, and posters were scattered about campus, aiming to influence and sway the vote of the Georgia College student body.

Each candidate had their own reason for run-

The girls in my sorority motivated me to

run," Gant said. "In the past, Phi Mu candidates have been beautiful, enthusiastic and inspiring women that have made this nomination such a prestigious honor within the sorority. They supported me all the way to the end, and more.'

The campaigning methods of Gant were, but were not limited to: fliers, sheet signs, table

toppers and stickers. The exercised strategy she found most effective were the signs placed on corners and front campus.

Mr. Georgia College, Brittain, also did advertising for his campaign.

SARA HERNANDEZ / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jeff Brittain and Erin Gant recieved crowns after being awarded the titles of Mr. and Ms. Georgia College representing the environmental science club and Phi Mu sorority respectively.

'My campaigning efforts tallied approximately \$10," Brittain said. "The sheets were really all that I bought...everything else was borrowed, or recycled into something useful.

As president of the Environmental Science club, Brittain wanted to represent his passion for the environment in his campaigning methods. Brittain also had a reason for

"(The position has) so much potential to be so much more than a figurehead award, based on some skewed sense of popularity," Brittain said.

His campaigning consisted

of plenty of chalk drawings, some fliers, two "super awesome" sheet signs contributed by sophomore Taylor Downs, along with the support of his girlfriend and friends.

Approximately 2,300 students voted in this year's election.

A reunion to remember

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Jeff Brittain,

Mr. Georgia College

Georgia College alumni reunite during Homecoming weekend

HILARY THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

Alumni of all ages were seen all over the Georgia College campus during Homecoming, including women who were here during the introduction of co-education at the college.

"We kind of though co-ed was coming, and we resisted bitterly," Jo Benton of Athens said. "It happened in a few years and we were not happy about it, but we survived.

Benton also remembers other stipulations during her stay at Georgia College, including curfew and not being allowed to leave campus.

When I was here we didn't go home, and we could not leave the campus on Saturdays. The patients from the (Central State) hospital were brought to the cinema so we couldn't leave," Benton said, "We also had a 10:30 (p.m.) curfew on school nights and I think 11 (p.m.) on weekends.'

Observing her younger counterparts of the college, Benton noticed that fashion choices have greatly changed over the years.

"We couldn't even be on Front Campus in shorts unless we had a raincoat covering it. Today even law students go to class in flip-flops," Benton said.

Benton is only one of many alumni who enjoyed Alumni Weekend, which started with the Peabody School Reunion Luncheon, held in the Magnolia Ballroom on Friday.

After the luncheon, the



HILARY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Alumni reunited with old classmates and professors over Homecoming weekend. Alumni brought their families and discussed what life was like during their time in Milledgeville.

alumni were invited to meet in front of Parks Hall for a walk to Memory Hill Cemetery to memorialize the past presidents of Georgia College who are buried there.

Friday of the Alumni Weekend continued with a welcome reception at 7 p.m. and the Kappa Sigma Alumni Banquet at 7:30 p.m.

Many more activities were available for alumni on Saturday, including the Bobcat Ramble, campus tours, the Homecoming parade, tailgating, a wine and cheese reception, receptions for the 1951, 1961 and 1971 classes and more.

Some students feel like the alumni presence was not as pronounced as it could have

"There were only a few alumni that I saw," freshman biology major Laura Aycock

Others feel that even though alumni were present at the Homecoming game and concert, there should be a way for current students to meet alumni more personally.

"I think a meet and greet would be really cool," junior psychology major Robianna Hill said, "You would get to hear about how Georgia College was before we were here.'

One fact remains, however, that the long Homecoming tradition is one that will last still

"It's such a special place,"

Benton said, "It's fun to come

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fore he fell into the crowd and had to be helped

"I feel like it would have been better if he had warned people. He was just kind of like 'put your hands up,' sophomore sociology major Taylor Callihan said.

After the show, B.o.B talked about the stage

"I got a lot of air. I got a chance to stretch out. I just wanted to make sure everybody was

ok. I usually end up losing the most in the stage dive," B.o.B. said. Being in his home state of Georgia B.o.B. commented, "it went very well tonight. I have to say this is one of the most memorable shows I've ever done in Georgia. I definitely feel like

Milledgeville showed out tonight.

B.o.B. played only a few of his well-known songs early on choosing to play more off his newest mix tape.

"I liked how he played a lot of his new songs off his 'No Genre' mix tape," Dowling said.

'B.o.b was great even though I didn't know most of the early songs it was still entertaining," Callihan said.

B.o.B. saved his most popular songs for his encore. Some of the audience left before the encore thinking the concert was over.

'The last four songs which B.O.B. played were the radio hits which it what we were all there for. People needed to stick it out," Nelson

B.o.B. said he feels at home among the college crowd.

'I feel more comfortable performing at colleges because I feel like I'm in my age group. I feel like I'm performing with the people I went to school with," B.o.B. said. "It feels more like a party and less like a job.'

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Themes, ideas, and events of the 21st century

Defining a generation in the 21st century

Aubrie Sofala Columnist

This weeks special section is about themes, ideas and events of the 21st century. For such a broad topic, I went in search of what any good journalist hunts for—answers.

I asked students on campus what, in their eyes, was the most influential theme, idea or event that has occurred in the 21st century. I wasn't shocked by the dumbfounded looks I received. I was asking something defining, a question that maybe isn't answered by a 10-word quote.

After the fifth person, I came to the conclusion that these answers are what define our generation. I received answers explaining why Facebook is important and why we should be aware of carbon coal emissions. All of these answers are acceptable. But I had to ask myself what will our generation be defined by?

Historically, all generations have one defining event or theme. Of course, these definitions often come in retrospect. If you would have asked my mother when she was five years old whether the Vietnam War would establish her generation as the counterculture—I'm sure she would have shrugged you off and continued her viewing of "Davey and Goliath."

After listening other students answer my all-encompassing question, I asked my self the same question and I answered

Consider this section as my personal response to what I feel has shaped our generation. College graduate job hunt, the conflict in the Middle East, social media and emerging technology are all themes that have affected how we live, or will live, our

Sure, my chosen themes are disheartening. No generation wishes to be remembered by a war or increasing levels of unemployment. However, this is who we are. These issues are what we've been dealt and how we overcome these frightening hiccups in history will become our definition.

We are a generation of movers and shakers-able to communicate and connect to others in a whole new way by using technology to our advantage. The recent revolution in Egypt has testified to this claim. Yes, we are young, but our voice is



"I guess the green movement. The BP spill really pushed it (the green movement) forward."

> Kade Womack, senior sociology major



"I would say the high rate of carbon emissions. They create negative influences not only on the environment but health wise too."

Akwai Agooms, junior middle grades



Center is definitely a top one for me. I know a lot of people my age joined the military because of what happened that day."

Lauren Clayton, freshman accounting major



"For college students, probably Facebook because everybody uses it to meet people and stay connected."

Matt Handler, freshman undeclared



"I think what happen in Egypt. It opened everyones eyes to see if you want something done and you stick together--it can get done."

> Paola Hinojosa, freshman special education major

War hits home for military families

Lauren Davidson SENIOR REPORTER

For almost a decade families have been separated from their loved ones in the military service due to the continuing conflict in the Middle East. Never knowing how long it will be until they can see or talk to them is a struggle for many, but two Georgia College students, Diane Elliott Heath and Desiree Maynard, have learned to have a positive outlook on the situation at hand.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, senior mass communication major Diane, along with her husband Stu, dropped her younger brother Chris Elliot off in Jacksonville, NC, where he is stationed at Camp Lejuene, knowing she was not going to see him again for the next few months.

Chris Elliott, a 19-year-old who is in the Marines infantry, enlisted in 2009 after he graduated from high school. After training for the past year and a half, on March 1 he will be deployed overseas for the first time since his enlistment. During the time

Chris has been in Jacksonville, Diane has been able to converse with her brother via email and phone frequently, however during boot camp the two were unable to communicate as often.

Now that he is going on deployment, it is unknown how frequently her and the family will be able to communicate with him, therefore they plan on sending letters. Diane says the fact that he has been away training has somewhat prepared her and her family for his extended leave out of the US and they are keeping a positive attitude about it.

'We are sort of getting used to it, it's making us nervous everyday I guess because when he first went in it wasn't," Di-tion

"That's all three of my brothers that are going to be gone probably within the next year and a half. That definitely makes me really nervous and scared for all of them."

Diane Elliot Heath, senior mass communication

ane said. "You have so much time to get used to the idea of them actually being in danger I guess. We are just trying to slowly deal with it and I try not to think too much about the bad side of it, just support him and the fact that he's working so hard.'

This is not the only time that Diane will see a loved one being deployed. Her other two brothers Rob Elliott and Trea Eliott have also enlisted in the US marines. Trea will graduate this year from high school and will leave for boot camp two weeks after his graduation, while Rob, who is studying at University of Georgia, will also leave for boot camp sometime after his gradua-

Diane has always had an undecided perspective on the war and says that having all three of her brother enlisted at one makes time her nervous.

wish it (the war) weren't because my other two brothers just enlisted as well. That's all three of my brothers that are going to be gone probably within the next year and a half. That definitely makes me really nervous and scared for all of them. Our family just tries to keep a really positive attitude and (know) that the Lord's going keep him safe if that's what needs to happen," Diane said.

Another story of seperation is that of senior mass communication major, Desiree. Her husband, Michael, enlisted in the US Navy Jan. 7, 2007, and recently went on deployment overseas this past January. He serves as Boatswain Mate Second Class on the USS Enterprise and is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Both Desiree and Michael's mothers help set the two up while he was away on deployment. Desiree's mother persuaded her to email Michael and the two started emailing back and forth, before they actually met in person. During his time home for the Christmas of 2007 the two started to date even though they knew they would be 12 hours apart.



SUBMITTED BY DESIREE MAYNARD

Desiree and her husband, Michael, married on May 15, 2010 after three years of being apart and maintaing an email/phone based relationship.

Five months later the two were engaged and got married two years after that on May 15, 2010. During their time together they have been apart from each other for periods of time. Michael says one of the hardest parts about being in

the Navy is not knowing exactly when he will be able to see her again.

"The longest I've ever been without seeing her is about 45 days," Michael said. "It's

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Emerging technology

Classrooms, computer labs, and online learning systems adapt to fit student needs

Aubrie Sofala STAFF REPORTER

Facebook, iPads, blogs, iPhones—these are the fresh faces of emerging technology in the 21st century. No longer is technology a word which people shy away from, but instead embrace as a way of life.

"I don't think we think of it that way any more, because it's so much a part of our lives," Joe Windish, lead technical specialist for instructional support said of students not seeing commonly used student technology such as smartphones and Facebook as actual technology

Windish believes expanding labs are also part of the next phase of technology and is improving the Instructional Technology Center to better fit student needs. Most of the changes have been made to configure the labs into a more group friendly space. Fifteen seats in total were added to the labs to help make them more collaborative areas. The lab also has more power strips available, so students can plug in their laptops while working on a desktop.

The addition of four iPads this past Fall semester also helped students test out the latest technology. The LITC asks students to fill out a survey after checking out an iPad to see how they use it so they can decide how to go forward with this new technology.

"What we really want to see is what does this new tool do for us that we couldn't do before," Windish said of the iPads.

After just six months of use, Windish said he has found the iPad makes tasks easier, but he hasn't found new uses. One way the LITC is utilizing the iPads is by student assistants using them to make their rounds.

'We do rounds once every hour. We check all of the computers in our section to see if they're working," Chloe Frew, freshman marketing major said "It's easier (using the iPads), you can walk around and go wherever you need to because some of our rounds are upstairs."

In addition to the iPads, the LITC also offers high definition video flip cameras, still cameras, voice recorders and a recently installed sound booth located in the Mac laball funded by the student technology fee and available for check out.

Windish has visited other technology centers at various schools including University of Georgia and Emory University. Georgia College shapes up nicely against other labsoffering better if not the same services as other schools according to him.

"We want to further develop the entire media lab offering," Windish said.

Technology is also emerging where students spend the most time--in the classroom and online learning systems.

Several new additions are being made to classroom technology by the recommendation of the student tech advisory group. James Carlisle, director of technology support services, explained some new features students

and professors will have access. This includes video conferencing, Deep Freeze software, and student response systems.

Deep Freeze software is currently being tested by technology services.

"(Deep Freeze) sets the computer at a state in which you want it. You configure it exactly the way you want it. It makes an ideal image of it and if anything happens to it, just reboot it and it's back to the way it was," Carlisle said.

Technology services is testing out the software and will soon be rolling it out for use in classroom computers.

Carlisle also mentioned that they are working on virtualizing some of the computers on campus as a result of students needing to use software off-campus.

'You're required certain software for certain classes and you may not have it on you laptop or computer," Carlisle said. "So you end up having to go to the lab all the time.'

The Ncomputing system will enable students to access software required for classes from home. Georgia College has already purchased units to test.

Polycom video conference systems are also in the works for classroom use. Doreen Sams, associate professor of marketing, tried out the systems in a marketing class. Sams held a video conference with a marketing class in Spain and was able to share presentations. The systems are on mobile carts for easy use by the professors.



Vanessa Whited/ Staff Photographer Brent Osborne, sophomore psychology major, uses an iPad in the Instructional Technology Center.

One of the more exciting projects in the wings for technology services is the unveiling of 3-D technology.

'Fairly soon we are going to be rolling out 3-D technology that will allow professors to

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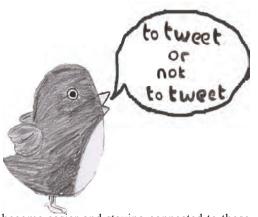
Thoughts from social media user

Danielle Paluga COLUMNIST

It's our mindset, as students, these days to share what we're doing and thinking almost every minute of the day with others. Thanks to the Internet and social media we have countless ways of doing this- Tumblr, Twitter, LiveJournal, Facebook, Myspace, and blogs just to name a few.

I've had or currently have all of the above, except for Myspace. Why do I waste my time you may ask? It's partly because I like it and partly because it is a necessity. I have my blog to practice fashion writing and my Twitter to keep up with my Public Relations class. I hate Facebook, but it would be impossible to function without it. I would never know what is go-

I'm no expert, but I know that these websites have changed our lives. Changed for the better? I'm not so sure, but it has made keeping up with the news a lot easier and faster. Connecting with others in a fast pace world has



become easier and staying connected to those people, which is even more important, can now be done in a click of a button.

Besides the practical side of sharing news, people have started sharing their opinions like never before. Social media makes it possible for anyone with access to the Internet to share their personal opinions on the latest fashion, gossip, music or political spat. The positive effects this flow of thought has created results in millions exercising their first amendment, however, this has produced issues the tech savvy world we live in.

The anonymity of the Internet has emboldened people to say what they think even if it is

In her New York Times column, Maureen Dowd posed the question "Is technology rewiring our brains to be more callous?" With all the examples of cyber bullying it seems so. In her opinion piece she quotes the literary editor of the New Republic Leon Wieseltier, who forbade comments on his work online. "Why would I engage with people digitally whom I would never engage with actually? Why does the technology exonerate the kind of foul expression that you would not tolerate anywhere

No other generation has had to approach the question of how we need to interact with people that we've never met in person before or even connecting with real friends instantly.

Back in 2009, when social networking was starting to gain popularity outside the college and high school set PC World Magazine took a look into how Facebook was changing our interactions with others. "They (social media) are taking us somewhere exciting, but we have to work out how we deal with the fading boundaries these tools have left in their wake and that means rewriting our social rules as we go along," said Lisa Hoover of PC World Magazine.

February 25, 2011

Now that we live our lives out on computers we have to be careful and write those rules for etiquette online.

So if you feel tweeting about your levely stamp collection, go ahead. You can share your loves with people who care now and the people who don't care don't have to follow you. Social networking is all about choices.

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SUBMITTED BY DIANE ELLIOTT HEATH Diane Elliott Heath hugs her brother, Chris Elliott during his last visit home before being deployed on

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Job market difficult for recent college graduates

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Eric Jones,

Bobbi Otis STAFF REPORTER

After the four years at the institute of higher learning of their choice, students venture out into the world with their newly minted college degree in hand. This used to be enough to land them a job in the field in which they earned their coveted diploma in, but in this day and age students are having trouble finding any job let alone one in their chosen field.

About 9.1 percent of college graduates

are unemployed according to the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Georgia College alumni are not excluded from this frightening statistic and though some are not technically unemployed, they are not working in the field they obtained their degree.

Georgia College alumnus Eric Jones is not unemployed, but

is not being paid to work in his specific field of study, which is creative writing.

To earn money, Jones worked as a salesman in a bookstore, wrote book reviews, managed a coffee shop and even worked at a kiosk selling calendars.

Jones knew as he was going through college that it would be difficult to find a job in his field of study upon graduation, but he knew that he wanted to continue his study of creative writing.

Jones drew inspiration from something an assistant professor once told him while he was at Georgia College.

"He said that 'you are not in school to make money later, but you are there to pursue a passion," Jones said.

Jones was prepared not to find a job in his field of study directly after graduation, but he is writing screenplays and hopes to sell one and get enough money to finance the time to write his next one.

"Ideally I want to be able to option a screenplay to pay the difference to write the next screen play. I won't ever have steady work," Jones said.

Other students on campus are concerned about their ability to get a job after graduation. Some have changed their major from their true passion to something that they feel will guarantee them a job after they complete

"Due to unemployment rates being so high I changed my major from art to marketing, so I can actually get a job (after graduation). I'm considering going to graduate school," sophomore marketing major Jessica Kel-Georgia College alumnus ley Karnes said.

Students see graduate school a viable, time-biding option.

"If the economy picks up I'll be able to get a job,"

freshman psychology and political science major Hayley Lambert said. "If it doesn't, I'll go to grad school.'

Nine hundred and eighty-eight students were enrolled in Georgia College's graduate school programs this Spring according to the University System of Georgia's website. This figure is up from the 891 students who were enrolled in the Spring of 2007.

Others seem more confident that they will be employed in their field of study when they leave college with just their undergraduate

Sophomore nursing major Macey Kurz is one who feels certain that she will be assured a job after graduation.

"I feel like nurses are always needed because people are always sick and on medicine," Kurz said.

College Grad Unemployment **Numbers**

million people who are unemployed with a bachelor's degree or higher

student increase in Georgia College graduate school program in 2007

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and www.usg.edu

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display images using three dimensional projectors and 3-D glasses," Carlisle said.

There is no set time for the 3-D technology to be ready for professor and student use. However, currently professors are working with a contracting company that creates images to go along with particular classes.

Another area that utilizes growing technology is online learning systems. Director of Web Enabled Resources, Wesley Smith says 'Second Life' is at the forefront of Georgia College online learning.

"'Second life' is great for collaboration," Smith said.

Second Life' is utilized by professors to produce a more creative learning environment. Smith is working with five professors who use it in their classes. Smith is currently working with business classes who use 'Second Life'

"They will actually operate their businesses in 'Second Life'. They can invest in a business and it won't cost them a penny," Smith said.

The learning management system used by Georgia College, Georgia View, is also being updated. The license will expire in 2013. The University System of Georgia is currently looking at five different website options.

"All of the options are out on the table and right now we're looking to see what's going to be the best in the long run for the university

system," Smith said. Growing technology in a college environ-

What's new in the classroom?

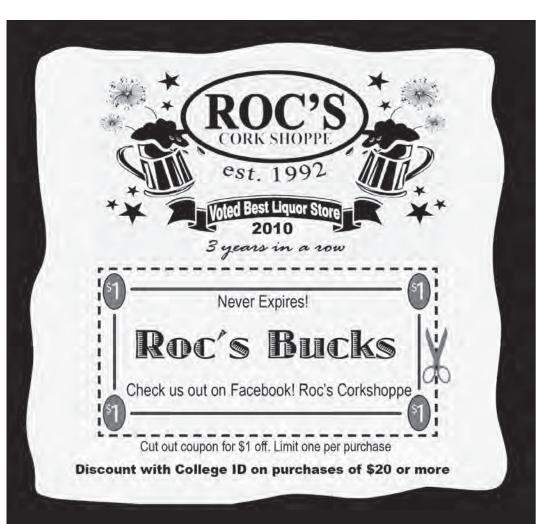
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- Deep Freeze software
- "Clickers" or student response systems
- Ncomputing systems
- 3-D technology, using three dimensional projectors and glasses
- Sympodiums

ment is built on the core of interactive feedback. Survey feedback is a factor both Windish and Carlisle appreciate.

The students are great about advising us on how to use the money wisely," Carlisle

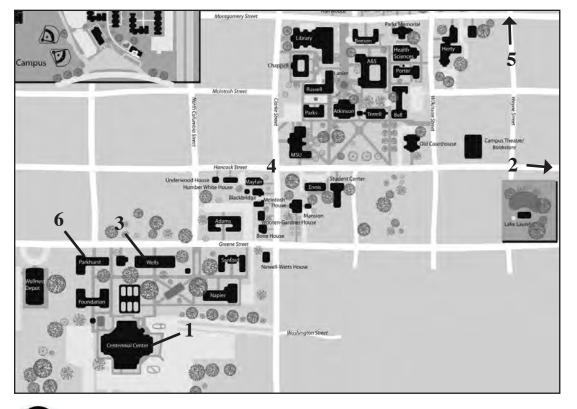
Georgia College is making the necessary requirements to modify itself to fit student needs and also the needs of a world with emerging and changing technology.

"The future happens and we don't even know it," Windish said.



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Public Safety Report



RISKY RACQUETBALL, SHATTERED GLASS

February 18 at 8:57 p.m. Officer

Purvis was dispatched to Centennial Center in reference to damage to property, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with a male, who stated that while playing racquetball, his leg hit the glass door and shattered it. The male suffered a cut to the back of his leg, but did not want EMS to respond. Custodial responded to clean up the glass and the door was repaired by Oconee Glass.

CURSING CLUBBERS

February 19 at 2:30 a.m. Officer Purvis observed a male sitting on a bench in front of Capitol City cursing at a group of girls exiting the club, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with the male, who was highly intoxicated. Officer Purvis informed him that he needed to find a way home. Several people offered to take him home but he refused. Officer Purvis flagged down a taxi and he refused to get in, stating he wanted to "kick some ass." The male was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with public drunkenness.

WILD TURKEY NIGHTS

February 19 at 9:07 p.m. Officer Smith and Sgt. Reonas were dispatched to Wells Hall in reference to possible drug activity, according to Public Safety. After knocking on the door several times and no one answering the door, the CA keyed in the officers and contact was made with a female. When asked if she lived there, she replied that she didn't and was only there to meet some people that she did not know. A strong odor of burning marijuana could be smelled in the room and several people were seen coming out of the bathroom. Contact was then made with four individuals. One male was attempting to hide a bottle of bourbon called Wild Turkey under the bed and when they were asked about the smell of marijuana, all stated they knew nothing about it and acted as if they did not know what the officers were talking about. A search of the apartment found a smoking device and marijuana in the toilet and a small amount of marijuana in another male's front pocket. All suspects were under the age of 21 and all tested positive for alcohol on the breathalyzer. Since the students were uncooperative with the officers, they were all arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

MARIJUANA HOLD UP

Officer February 20 at 3:16 a.m. Sgt. Reonas assisted a Baldwin County Deputy on a traffic stop at Hancock and Clarke Streets, according to Public Safety. When the deputy stepped back to his patrol vehicle, Sgt. Reonas remained next to the passengers' side window and observed a male acting suspiciously and could not see his hands. When the suspect raised his hands up, Sgt. Reonas drew his weapon and ordered him to put his hands where he could see them. The suspect had a baggie in his hand and started reaching towards the glove compartment, at which point Sgt. Reonas opened the passenger side door and removed the suspect from the vehicle and place him in handcuffs. A baggie of suspected marijuana had been dropped on the floorboard of the vehicle. The suspect and marijuana was turned over to the deputy.

SWERVE, SIDESWIPE, RUN

February 20 at 3:49 a.m. Officer Purvis observed a truck on Wayne Street and Montgomery Street swerve and hit a parked vehicle with the passengers' side mirror, according to Public Safety. After hitting the parked vehicle, the truck did not stop. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. When shown the damage the driver did to the parked vehicle, he stated that he did not know he had hit a vehicle. At first, the driver gave Officer Purvis a false name and date of birth and a check through GCIC found that he license was suspended. Officer Purvis also observed an open bottle of tequila in the passengers' seat. When tested, the male registered .034 on the breathalyzer. The driver was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with hit and run, driving while unlicensed and open container in vehicle.

ABANDONED BULLET

February 18 at 11:39 p.m. A male reported finding a .22 caliber bullet outside his dorm room, according to Public Safety. A search of the area was conducted and nothing further was found. The bullet was confiscated and disposed

By The Numbers

Accounts of unauthorized debit card fraud

(from Feb. 18 - Feb. 23)

Charges of underage possession of alchohol

Hit and run

Shattered glass door

PARKHURST PASS OUT

February 20 at 4:07 a.m. Sgt. Reonas was dispatched to Parkhurst Hall in reference to a male passed out in the hallway. Contact was made with the male, who was unresponsive to efforts to wake him up. After about 10 minutes, he woke up and was somewhat alert and coherent. EMS checked him out and did not transport him to the hospital. When asked where he was at or why he was there, he rambled on and made no sense. The male had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, was under 21 years of age and registered .221 on the breathalyzer. The male was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

If you experience unauthorized debit card charges, contact Public Safety at (478) 445-4054.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, February 25

Men's Tennis: Bobcats v. Augusta State 2 p.m. (Tennis courts behind Wells Hall) 2 p.m. Women's Tennis: Bobcats v. Augusta State

(Tennis courts behind Wells Hall) Baseball: Bobcats v. Philadelphia University (West Campus) 6 p.m.

7 p.m. CAB Movie Night: Due Date

Saturday, February 26

Softball: Bobcats v. Francis Marion (West Campus) 12 p.m. Baseball: Bobcats v. Philadelphia University (West Campus) 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats v. North Georgia (Centennial Center) Softball: Bobcats v. Francis Marion (West Campus) 2 p.m. Baseball: Bobcats v. Philadelphia University (West Campus) 4 p.m. Georgia College v. North Georgia (Centennial Center) 4 p.m.

February 28 Monday,

12:30 p.m. Alternative Spring Break Info Meeting (The Give Center) The GIVE Center Pacesetters meeting: Collaboration 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(Magnolia Ballroom)

Career Peer Advisor Resume Night (Residence Halls) 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1

12:30 p.m. Alternative Spring Break Info Meeting (The Give Center) Softball: Bobcats v. Lander (West Campus) 2 p.m. 3 p.m. Baseball: Bobcats v. Benedict (West Campus) 4 p.m. Softball: Bobcats v. Lander (West Campus)

Wednesday, March 2

12:30-1:30 p.m. Times Talk (Beeson Hall Lower Level) 12:30 p.m. Student Government Association Senate

WGUR's Mystery Midterm Spring 2011 Event: Pie Your 12:30 - 2 p.m. Professors & Student Leaders (In front of Arts & Sciences)

12:30 p.m. Career Fair Prep Workshop (Career Center)

7 - 8 p.m. 12 Step Support Group meetings (Arts & Sciences 215)

Thursday, March 3

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Spring Health Fair (Magnolia Ballroom)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. How Students Learn, Teachers Teach, and What Usually Goes

Wrong: An Introduction to Learning Styles

(Museum Education Room)

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Leisure

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Wunderlist: A must-have app

JEFF STERLING Reviewer

If you're the type of person with a lot going on, it can be hard to remember everything you need to get done. There are, of course, many methods for accomplishing this, such as the classic notepad, daily planner, etc. All these are fairly proven methods, but they fail to address one simple question: What happens if you don't have the planner on you? The obvious answer to this is to use the device everyone carries everywhere; and particularly for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad users; there is a new contender on the App Store known as Wunderlist.

The concept of Wunderlist is simple enough. As interfaces are concerned, it isn't terribly dissimilar from the daily planners many students already use. This familiarity can make for a simple transition from analog to digital form. The real appeal of Wunderlist, however, is (as in many apps these days) cloud sync. Wunderlist allows you to organize to-do lists by category, and wirelessly sync them automatically between the mobile version, as well as the free desktop client available for Mac and Windows.

While Wunderlist has a very appealing and intuitive interface, there is a glaring and somewhat inexplicable flaw in the version available as of this

writing. Where are the push notifications? For those not versed in iPhone, push notifications are the Apple notification system of alerting the user with tones, badges, and dialogs that pop up on the screen. These often coincide with new messages, alarms, calendar appointments, etc.

These notifications are conspicuously absent from Wunderlist. The purpose of the app is to manage your tasks in a way superior to analog solutions such as notepads and planners. However, the lack of notifications leaves the app failing to address one of the major flaws of the old systems, which is that there is nothing to actively remind you to look at your planner. This flaw in Wunderlist is very easy to fix, as push notifications are easily added to apps through Apple's development software. Hopefully the developer, Wunderkinder, will notice this flaw (as pointed out in many App Store customer reviews), and address it in a future release.

While the absence of push notifications is glaring, it doesn't so much sully the app, as merely keep it just short of greatness. It is still a very elegant and intuitive way to manage your daily tasks, and if you can remember to check the app, you will find it useful.

Both the desktop and iPhone versions of Wunderlists are free, and there is a version for Google's Android OS in the works.

Astrological Forecast

Danielle Paluga STAFF PSYCHIC

Aquarius (January 21- February 18)- If your life is starting to sound like a Taylor Swift song, then you might have a problem. On the other hand maybe you can capitalize on that. She's pretty rich.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)-Don't let anyone see your weaknesses. Do you think Arnold Schwarzenegger got to be governor by crying all the time?

Aries (March 20- April 19)- It's time for you to get away. May I suggest Paris? Oh and please take me with you.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)- Get back to your roots this week. No not your heritage. I'm talking about your hair. It looks like you need to dye it again.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)- Even if things aren't going your way, they are sure to turn around. If they don't go well then go on a shopping spree. That's better than therapy.

Cancer (June 21- July 21)- If you want to catch the eye of that adorable person who sits next to you in class then act mysterious.

Leo (July 22- August 22)- You should probably start thinking about Spring Break plans. And by that the tarot cards say that you need to go to the gym

The planets are in alignment for you to have a week full of adventure. That must mean you're leaving Milledgeville for a while. Libra (September 23- October 22)-Mars

Virgo (August 23- September 22)-



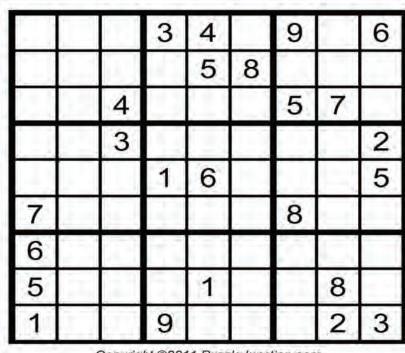
will cross paths with Saturn to leave your pockets empty for the next week. I would suggest controlling your finances better, but that would be hypocritical.

Scorpio (October 23- November 21)-This is your week to lend your time and money to charity.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)-You really need to start eating better. Wait, sorry that was the text my mom just sent me. Check back with me next week.

Capricorn (December 22- January 20)- If you're feeling bored this week maybe take up a new hobby. I can't give you any suggestions because my hobby is collecting fashion magazines, but I'm sure you'll figure something out.

Sudoku



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Review: B.o.B. mixes new songs with top hits

SCOTT WOFFORD REVIEWER

Thursday night was the big event the Homecoming concert. I don't know about everyone else at Georgia College but I had been looking forward to this event all week. I missed Stokeswood warming up the crowd, but from what I hear they did a really great job. Playboy Tre started out and had a few good hits, nothing that I really knew but they were very uplifting songs to get the crowd going. After his performance, it took for what seemed like forever for B.o.B to take the stage. Looking at my phone, I kept noticing that time was passing and that the crowd was getting anxious. All I could think about was, "Is this another Sean Kingston?" Finally, Bobby Ray took the stage and the crowd was really pumped.

One guy was so excited that he decided to crowd surf to the first song that B.o.B. preformed, shortly after meeting the floor with his face. Which brings me to my next point, the concert was a great concert, and in the past three years, they have been a lot of fun, but the one thing has plagued the concerts each year—and I expect will in the future is that the crowd is very unresponsive to anything. Most of the time it's people just standing there bobbing their heads up and down. It's almost as if everyone in the audience thinks that they are too cool to move around. I mean come on, you are in a sea full of people. Is anyone

going to really care if you bounce up and down? And I bet many people have had this thought, "Oh man! This is so awesome, B.o.B is preforming live right now! I'm going to pull out my camera phone, snap a few pics, take a short video and uploaded it to YouTube later and it will be AWESOME!!" But to all of you out there that did that, what did you find out after you saw those stunning pictures, and watched those riveting videos? They weren't everything you thought they were, were they?

To prove my point, during B.o.B's performance of his song "Magic," Bobby Ray jumps into the crowd in hopes to crowd surf around the stage really engaging the audience, however that didn't happen. While he did stay in the air for a little bit, he ended up falling in the end. The crowd just couldn't support him and he was lost in the sea of people. Apparently someone else was taken down with him and the first part of the song was spent on trying to recover her, and after the song, she was pulled up on stage and just in a state of shock from her experience. I guess the magic of B.o.B just couldn't revive her. Great concert because B.o.B. did all his hit songs and a few new ones. To everyone out there, if you attend a concert next year, don't be atraid to move around and remember those amazing glamour shot pictures aren't going to be what you think they are. Do yourself a favor and just enjoy the concert for what it is, a concert.



KENDYL WADE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The crowd cheering while Playboy Tre preforms at Georgia College Homecoming 2011. Also playing at the concert were Stokeswood and Grammy nominated rap artist B.o.B.

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Sports

Basketball playoff push begins



KALEIGH SHAMP / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Senior forward Josh Hurst drives to the basket in the Bobcats 74-64 win over Columbus State on Feb. 19.

Men roll past Columbus 74-64, fall to Montevallo, drop into three way tie for second in PBC West

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

The playoff race in the Peach Belt Conference Western Division won't be decided until the final day of the regular season, and the Georgia College men's basketball team is right in the middle of it. The Bobcats (15-9, 9-7 PBC) saw their six-game winning streak come to an end on Feb. 23 as they fell to Montevallo 76-66, marking the second time the Falcons have gotten the better of them this season.

Redshirt senior forward Reece Wiedeman led the Bobcats in scoring with 17 points. Montevallo's 9-0 run early in the second half, however, proved too much for them to overcome.

At the end of conference play on Feb. 23, the Bobcats and Falcons both join Clayton State, who lost at North Georgia, in a three-way tie for second place in the PBC West with 9-7 conference records. Currently, the Falcons own the tiebreaker over the Bobcats, having swept them in the regular season. The Bobcats split

with Clayton State, and the Lakers also split with the Falcons. Whichever team comes out in second place will host a first round game in the conference tournament on March 1.

If the Bobcats beat North Georgia on the road on Feb. 26, they will have a shot at the No. 2 seed, provided that Montevallo loses at Columbus State. Clayton State travels to Georgia Southwestern, the No. 1 seed in the West on the same day and still has a shot at the second spot as well.

Despite the loss to Montevallo, the Bobcats are still in the position they're in thanks to some crucial wins after a midseason slump.

"The guys are going out there and playing every game like it's their last. They have a great sense of urgency about them," Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "As long as we are getting the job done, it doesn't matter who's out there, and who's doing it. We've got a lot of balance right now, and it's showing results for us.

"Early on, we had a lot of new guys who had to get used to things, but now lately we've

been clicking and playing up to our potential," sophomore guard JP Davis added.

Against Columbus State on Feb. 19, Georgia College rallied to win 74-64. Down 27-17 with 6:24 left in the half, the Bobcats began to make their comeback. Junior forward Ryan Aquino hit a 3-pointer and then after a Cougar turnover, laid one in to cut the deficit in half. Junior forward Jared Holmes followed with a 2-point jumper, and then another 3-pointer from Aquino tied the game at 27-27 with 4:16 left. The Bobcats then raced out to a 6-point lead after Holmes scored and hit a free throw after being fouled on the play, and junior forward Mike Augustine drained a three to make it 33-27 with 3:07 left.

After taking a 36-33 advantage into the locker room, Georgia College fell behind again when a 3-pointer from Jarmarquis Steverson gave the Cougars a 47-44 lead with 12:59 remaining. The Bobcats, however started a 10-0 run, tying the game a minute and

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CALEB RULE SPORTS COLUMNIST Last weekend, I witnessed a friend star in a play titled "Pride and Prejudice." You may have heard of it. But I'd never seen anything

Breaking The Rule

remotely related to the show, so when I entered the theater alongside 10 plus women who knew everything that was about to happen, I prepared for the worst. The only other guy in our party hadn't seen the show either, so both of us were left guessing and praying we weren't about to spend the next two and a half hours stuck in a hopeless display of romantic overtures.

Hello, I was with more than 10 women. That has to tell you the play was going to be the exact opposite of what I hoped for, right? Dead wrong. In fact, I was so enthralled by the plot that at intermission, I was making predictions of what would happen to each character, and giving them nicknames to go with it. For those who've seen it, Mr. Darcy will always be 'Colonel Mustard' in my eyes. So what's the lesson? We can't simply make assumptions based on a freaking title. What's that cliche say? Don't judge a book by its cover?

Now apply that to the next two months, sports fans. For instance, look at our Atlanta Braves; we aren't sure what to expect with a new manager, new second baseman and a stupidly-stacked division rival's pitching staff. In fact, despite plenty of optimism in Braves' Nation,

card. But wait, think it out: If Chipper stays somewhat healthy and Freddie Freeman steps up to be a decent hitter in his rookie campaign and the pitching staff remains healthy? Get your hopes up for some rings on those

fingers. Georgia College basketball, anyone? A cursory glance at the teams' records (women: 17-6, men: 15-8) don't scream dominance. But watch a game, and you know these are different teams than the ones we saw back in December; in fact, they appear ready to compete for NCAA Tournament

berths. The women are receiving votes in the national poll, and the men recently beat the No. 7 and 22 ranked teams in the nation. See? We can't simply sit back and form a wellthought opinion without experiencing what each team

brings to the table. Then there's the Atlanta Hawks. Look, Carmelo to the Knicks changes things, and now we're looking like the fifth-best team in the East on a good day. Miami, Boston, Orlando, and New York are all scarier, and one could argue for Chicago in that conversation as well.

But wait!...oh, never mind.

formed opinion too.

Sometimes an experience

has to change our well-

Women top Columbus, Montevallo, aim to finish strong heading into postseason

TAYLOR LAMB STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College women's basketball team picked up another pair of victories in the last week, their latest a 60-45 triumph at Montevallo on Feb. 23 following a 64-48 win over Columbus State on Feb. 19. Having another slow start, the Bobcats (18-6, 10-6 PBC) were down by one in the first three minutes. Senior guard Chimere Jordan took some time to heat up, but made sure to find it. She recorded 25 points in the affair and dominated the glass with 17 rebounds. Freshman forward Abby Slocumb enriched her stats from the Columbus State game where she had six points and six boards, by giving the Bobcats 13 points and nine

The Centennial Center was packed out for the Homecoming festivities, and the Bobcats showed up excited to earn the victory over the Cougars. Both teams matched points five times in the first half, and had eight lead changes, the biggest from a six point run by the Bobcats. With the clock winding down in the first, senior guard Dominique Huffin hit a jumper in the lane to go up 29-28 with 15 seconds left. Huffin put up 15 of her 17 points in the first half.

The walk into the locker room at

halftime allowed Head Coach Maurice Smith to re-adjust his team and get them ready to come out stronger in the second half and advance the lead. Shooting only 33 percent from the field, the Bobcats paved the way for the Cougars to climb back during the first half, but also shooting 83 percent from the freethrow line maintained a close game for Georgia College.

The Bobcats "energy girl" as Smith calls her, sophomore guard Karisma Boykin, drained a three for Georgia College to grab the first points of the new half. Boykin, overall had 12 points, five rebounds, and helped Huffin and Jordan by dishing out six assists.

"Having those two is unexplainable," Boykin said. "They're players and they do player things.

The Bobcats second half strong start turned sloppy. After Boykin hit her three in the opening minutes followed by a steal the next possession, Georgia College became complacent with an array of 50-50 shots.

"I thought we had three or four possessions where we had bad turnovers," Smith said. "Self-inflicting ones where we're not coming off a screen, we're not passing well, shooting well."

Slocumb took a breather in the thirteenth minute to let freshman forward Krysta Lewis see the court. Lewis



KALEIGH SHAMP / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Senior guard Chimere Jordan makes a jumpshot in the Bobcats 64-48 win over Columbus State on Feb. 19. The Bobcats will wrap up their regular season Feb. 26 at North Georgia.

points and only three boards.

"I had a horrible first half," Lewis said. "Coaches have been getting on to

struggled in the first half with zero me about being more mature and step

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Baseball sweeps Pfeiffer, tops Valdosta

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

A snapshot of the Georgia College baseball team at this point and the season compared to one at this point last season yields one major difference: the Bobcats are pitching lights out so far in 2011. The latest effort was a group one as the Bobcats picked up a 3-1 road win at Valdosta State, improving to 9-2 on the year, extending their win streak to six games.

"We've gotten some great starts from our guys. Eric (Pettepher) and Jason (Nicholas) are both veterans for us, and our guys are getting us to the fifth and sixth innings with a chance to win, and that's an important thing," Head Coach Tom Carty said. "We strive to do that every game, and we are well ahead of where we were last year at this point, which is a good thing.

tied the score up, when redshirt sophomore designated hitter Ikaikah Anderson was hit by a pitch, stole second and third base and came into score on junior leftfielder Josh Young's sacrifice fly.

The Bobcats broke the 1-1 tie in the eighth when senior rightfielder Shawn Ward led off with a walk and later scored on a bases loaded walk by redshirt-junior third baseman Travis Echols. The Bobcats added an insurance run in the ninth, when Ward singled to center, scoring Anderson to make it 3-1. Redshirt senior righthander Ryan Parson picked up the win for Georgia College after entering the game in the fourth and pitching 2.2 innings. Redshirt senior righty Tanner Moore pitched the final two innings scoreless to pick up his third save of the year.

Last weekend, the Bobcats swept a three-game home series against Pfeiffer. The Bobcats took the first game on Feb. 18, 8-3 thanks to some

key extra base hits. Up 2-1 in the bottom of the third inning, senior catcher Richard Pirkle and junior shortstop Tanner Funk drew back-to-back two out walks. Junior first baseman Benton Yaun then followed with a mammoth threerun blast to stretch their lead to

Georgia College scored two more in the fifth to put the game out of reach. Nicholas, the senior southpaw, picked up the win, scattering 10 hits and allowing 3 runs over 5.2 innings. Parson closed out the final 3.1 innings for his first save of the season.

The Bobcats continued their successful ways on Feb. 19, as they jumped out to a big lead early and rolled to an 11-3 victory. The Bobcats had 14 hits in the game, nine of which were doubles. With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the first, Yaun continued his hot hitting with a double to

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VICTORIA GAROFALO / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Senior lefthander Jason Nicholas makes a pitch Feb. 18 against Pfeiffer. The Bobcats won the game 8-3 and swept the weekend series.

Upcoming Home Games

Tennis:

Feb. 25

Augusta St.

2 p.m. **Baseball:**

Feb. 25 6 p.m. Philadelphia

Softball:

Feb. 26 Noon (DH) Francis Marion Feb. 27 Noon (DH) Lincoln Mem.

Quote of the Week

"He's got a little chip on his shoulder, letting everybody know he can still do it. We all have total confidence in him. There's not a prettier swing in the game when he's got it going."

Atlanta Braves catcher Brian Mc-Cann on aging, future Hall of Fame third baseman Chipper Jones, who will turn 39 in April and is looking to bounce back from a knee injury in 2010. (AJC)

Notable Stat

Consecutive conference losses Div. III Caltech's men's basketball team suffered dating back to 1985, prior to Feb. 22, when they knocked off Occidental.



Softball struggles continue as team falls to 4-14

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

Despite its slow start, the Georgia College softball team is attempting to build from the positives they have encountered. The Bobcats fell to 4-14 on the season after dropping a pair of games to Brevard College on Feb.

The Bobcats did, however, pick up a pair of wins in six games over last weekend at the Charger Chillout, hosted by the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Junior pitcher Sabrina Chandler was outstanding, pitching a complete game and allowing only one run on seven hits in a 2-1 victory over Flor-

Junior catcher Anna Parker had a two-run homer to help propel the

Georgia College followed up with its second victory of the day, a 9-0 rout over Southern Indiana in five innings. Parker had a triple a pair of freshman outfielder Whitney Okvist and senior shortstop both had two hits apiece, and senior outfielder Kati Pickowitz went 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Freshman Chelsie Huffman picked up her first win on the mound, pitching five shutout innings, scattering four hits and fan-

ning four on the day.
"I think we had an overall successful weekend. If we take the good from it and move forward from here, I think it will help," Head Coach Jamie Grodecki said. "Again, we had some ups and downs, and I hope we will continue to minimize that dispar-



Parker

ity and work on consistency."

"Ít really helps us a lot. We know that we have the ability to do it; we just have to start stringing everything together," Parker added.

We have to put together hits, good pitching and defense. Everything has to work on the same day.

In the first game against Brevard, Parker continued her recent offensive rampage, breaking a 1-1 tie in the third with a solo homer. After falling behind 3-2, the Bobcats scored three runs in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead.

The big hit in the inning was a two-run triple by junior designated hitter Haley Burnett. But the Tornadoes were able to score three runs of their own to rally for the 6-5 win. The Bobcats fell behind early in the second game and couldn't recover, falling 5-3.

On Feb. 18, the Bobcats dropped a pair of games, falling 9-1 in five innings to Delta State and 7-4 to Indianapolis. The Bobcats had a tough day on Feb. 20 in the final day of the invitational, falling to Barry University, 7-2, and No. 9 Alabama-Huntsville,

Along with playing several games over a short span of time, the Bobcats have been without senior Caitlin Duvall on the mound, who is unable to pitch because of an injury on her hand. Grodecki said being a pitcher short and playing so many games did have a negative impact.

"I do believe we were a little bit tired, which weighed on us mentally and physically, but unfortunately that's the way it's going to be all season," she said. "I do think this was the toughest week we will have, so it should get easier, and we are going to continue to work on those factors throughout the spring.

Parker said that despite the heavy schedule, the team isn't discouraged.

We have played a lot of games, but I think we're used to it," she said. "There's nothing else we'd rather be doing right now than playing all the

Georgia College returns to action Feb. 26, kicking off their PBC schedule when they host Francis Marion in a doubleheader beginning at noon. They will then host Lincoln Memorial for another doubleheader on Feb. 27 beginning at noon, and then will host Lander in another conference doubleheader March 1, beginning at

Five new members inducted into Hall of Fame

Bobbi Otis STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed five new members into its ranks on Feb. 19 in Magnolia Ballroom in front of family, friends and various members of the Department of Atheltics staff.

After recognizing the current Hall of Fame members in attendance, Athletic Director Wendell Staton told the crowd that the night's ceremony was about celebrating people.

"Tonight's focus is on the people who make the campus special," Staton said.

The five new inductees were Nancy Groesch, Lars Lindblom, Yeini Gutierrez Thompson, Keith Slocumb and Scott MacLeod.

Groesch, who played tennis at Georgia College from 1994 to 1997, was a success on the court as well as in the classroom. Groesch was named an NCAA All-American for three years, was a three-time All-Peach Belt Conference choice and recognized as the senior female athlete of the year in her final year at Georgia Col-

Academically, Groesch was selected for honors too. Among the many awards she was honored with, she was named twice to the NCAA/ ITA Scholar Athlete list and was on the PBC Presidential Honor Roll. Groesch is the fourth woman to be inducted into the Georgia College Athletics Hall of Fame from the women's tennis program.

Lindblom was a member of the Georgia College men's tennis team from 1990 to 1993. He was named an All-American in 1991, and in 1993, Lindblom was the PBC outstanding student athlete. Like Groesch, Lindblom was a two-time NAIA/ITA Scholar Athlete and was on the PBC Presidential Honor Roll. Lindblom is the second man to be inducted into the Hall of Fame from the men's tennis program.

Thompson was a gymnast at Georgia College from 1983 to 1986. As a four-time NAIA All-American and Summa Cum Laude graduate in pre-medicine, Thompson was an excellent athlete and student.

Though Thompson earned many accolades as a student athlete, she never thought of her career as being exemplary. In her speech, Thompson cited two main things that she learned from gymnastics

'Gymnastics is tough and requires dedication," Thompson said. "Whatever you do, if you do it well, good things will come. Secondly, in gymnastics you have to do tricks on a four inch beam, so you fall a lot. In life, if you fall you do not give up after the first time you fall. You get back up.

Thompson was the second woman to be inducted into Georgia College Athletics Hall of Fame from the gymnastics program.

Slocumb played for Georgia College's baseball program from 1982 to 1985. He was a First Team All-American in his last year playing for Georgia College and has top- 10 marks in multiple offensive categories that have held for over 25 years, including third in RBIs with 253 and fourth in career home runs with 41

'It didn't take me long to decide where to go to college," Slocumb said. "Georgia College felt like home the first day I visited and felt like home for the next four years.'

Slocumb's daughter, Abby Slocumb, is following in her father's footsteps as she is a current Bobcat basketball player. Keith Slocumb is the sixth inductee from the baseball program.

MacLeod has been a contributor for the Bobcats since his 1978 debut broadcasting for the baseball team. He is known as the "Voice of the



From left to right: Yeini Gutierrez Thompson, Scott MacLeod and Keith Slocumb were inducted into the Georgia College Athletics Hall of Fame Feb. 19. Other inductees included Lars Lindblom and Nancy Groesch.

Bobcats", and he loves what he gets to do for

"What a great job it has been, I get paid to watch kids play games," MacLeod said at the ceremony. "I get to do what I love, with people I love and for a school I love.

MacLeod is a three-time winner of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Award and is a member of the Bobcat Club. He is the first person from outside the Department of Athletics to be inducted to the Georgia College Athletics Hall of Fame.

Tennis teams drop matches powerhouse Armstrong

Caitlin Renn STAFF WRITER

The Georgia College tennis teams continued their season on the road last weekend in Savannah where both teams suffered their first losses. The Bobcats traveled to play the Savannah College of Art & Design Bees on Feb. 18, and the Armstrong Atlantic Pirates on Feb. 20.

The No. 12 men's team conquered with a 9-0 victory over SCAD on Feb. 18 to maintain their undefeated status and seven-game winning streak until two days later. The Bobcats jumped to a 3-0 lead after the doubles competition and easily swept the singles portion of the competition.

Junior Jerome Leborgne and sophomore Johan Wadstein won the closest match of the doubles portion 9-8, while juniors Tobias Rausch and Robert Angelucci toppled their opponents 8-4.

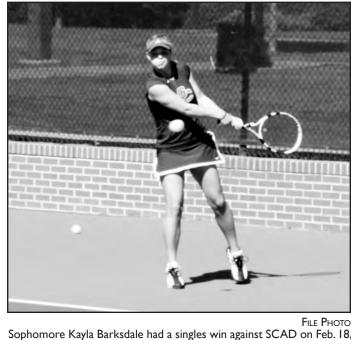
'Friday we played well. We were the better team. All the guys stepped up and we didn't give them a chance to come into the game," Wadstein said.

Head Coach Steve Barsby said the guys played solid on Friday, but that Sunday was a different story.

The match against Armstrong on Feb. 20 ended with a shutout loss, their first of the season and also their first loss in the Peach Belt Conference. Falling behind 3-0 after the doubles competition, the Bobcats could not return after the singles competition.

Rausch suffered his first loss of the season in the singles competition, and sophomore Wictor Andersson took the only set of the match.

We played real young and they played real experienced," Barsby said. "The first two or three games of doubles we



as the team fell 6-3. The women's team is 2-2, and the men are 3-1.

were there, we were battling. Then it just faded away."

Wadstein also acknowledged what happened on Sunday to end their winning

'Sunday we played the No. 3 team and we didn't step up. We got a little intimidated," Wadstein said. "They were in our face and we let them push us around."

The No. 30 women's team started the weekend with a 6-3 loss against SCAD on Feb. 18—also their first of the sea-

The Bobcats lost the doubles portion of the battle 2-1 and only managed to take two of the singles matches.

Sophomore Kayla Barksdale earned the first singles win for Georgia College, and freshman Lisa Seyton followed with her fourth win of the season.

"I think we played well. I was kind of sad about the loss against SCAD, but I think we played okay," Seyton said.

The women's second match of the weekend against Armstrong on Feb. 20 resulted in their first shutout loss, 9-0. The Bobcats lost the doubles portion of the battle 3-0, and their troubles continued with the singles portion, dropping every match to their oppo-

"We lost to Armstrong because we didn't play that well," Seyton said. "Armstrong was a really good team, but I think we have a good team too." Up next on the schedule,

the teams will host No. 29 Augusta State University at home on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

Seyton hopes to earn a win against Augusta. "I think we really need to

win," Seyton said of the upcoming game. "It means a lot to the team." Wadstein is confident about

the upcoming match. "It's a big game. We beat them last year and there is a good chance we can beat them this year too," Wadstein said.

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ping it up this game."

Lewis, taking in the roaring atmosphere and numbered stands, engaged her mind in the game and began to deliver. On the inbound, Huffin missed a three pointer collected by Jordan for a positive. On the next Cougar possession, Lewis' strong defensive presence in the lane led to a steal and the bobcats fight back began.

The score stayed within

two up until the ninth minute. Boykin grabbed a rebound from a Jordan miss and dished it Lewis for an easy layup. This sparked an offense melt down for the Cougars rattling off three turnovers and two travels back to back. Offensively the Bobcats prevailed when Jordan sunk a difficult floater after being fouled. On their next possession, the Cougars turned it over again and Jordan capitalized burying a three, giving Jordan six points in no time. Georgia College's lead increased within the last five minutes as a tired Columbus State

team could not keep up. The freshman, Lewis hit a jumper in the lane and a three pointer back-to-back to spread the lead and put the victory out of reach for the Cougars. Lewis totaled 11 points shooting 5-of-11.

"It's a huge confidence

boost," Lewis said. The Homecoming triumph put the Bobcats at the No. 2 seed in the PBC Western Division and guaranteed them a home playoff game in the first round of the conference tournament. The game will be played March 2 at a time to be determined

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the wall, clearing the bases and putting the Bobcats on top 3-0. Georgia College added pairs of runs in both the second and third and continued to pour runs on throughout. Senior rightfielder Shawn Ward went 3-4 with a pair of doubles and 5 RBI, while redshirt junior third baseman Travis Echols added a pair of hits. Pettepher, the senior righthander, went 8 innings, allowing three runs.

The Bobcats finished off the sweep on Feb. 20 behind another solid pitching performance, this time from sophomore lefty Mike Guinane, who went 7 innings, allowing just 2 runs on 8 hits with 4 strikeouts in a 5-2 win. Redshirt senior righthander Tanner Moore pitched two scoreless innings to pick up his second save on the year.

'The defense really came together behind me. (Pirkle) worked really well with me throughout the game," Guinane said." "When they fied the game, the club battled back and got me some more runs. I knew that once we got that going, we could win the game."

The Bobcats drew first blood in their half of the first, when a two-out single from Funk scored junior left fielder Josh Young to make it 1-0. They stretched their cushion to 2-0 in the second when sophomore designated hitter Cody Maas homered to lead off the inning. Pfeiffer tied the game in the third, but the Bobcats regained the lead in their half of the fifth and then added two more in the sixth after junior second baseman Luke McKay's reached on a sacrifice bunt and error that brought in Yaun. Three batters later, Ward was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded bringing in junior pinch runner Jim Moreland to make it 5-2.

'It was a good early season weekend for us. We pitched really well, and we hit the ball around a lot," Carty said. "Mike labored a bit today, but he bounced back and figured it out and wound up pitching a solid game.'

The Bobcats resume play this weekend, hosting Philadelphia University in a four game series, beginning Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

'We are playing with a lot of confidence right now," Guinane said. "Things are clicking. We just need to make sure not to get overconfident and work hard."

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ilton.

had 12 off the bench. a half later with a layup by "We really picked up our Wiedeman and taking a 50-47 lead on a 3-pointer by redshirt sophomore guard Nate Ham-

intensity on defense after falling behind and got going up and down the court," Sellers said after the win against Two more layups from Columbus. "We made some Wiedeman stretched the lead great shots, and we forced to 54-47 with 9:38 left to play.

The Bobcats remained at least 7 points ahead the rest of the way, eventually winning 74-64. Wiedeman finished with points, while Hamilton

them into some turnovers and poor decisions. It was a great effort from everyone on the team. Now the Bobcats are faced

with their biggest game of the season. "Every game is a big game now. There's so much riding

every time we step out on the court," Hamilton said. "We're looking forward to the chal-

Kayak enthusiasts hit Oconee rapids

TAYLOR LAMB STAFF REPORTER

There are many different recreation activities that Georgia College students can compete in. However, not every sport that students enjoy are available in collegiate or intramural teams. For those athletes, their main drive is not commitment to a team or a league, but pure love of the sport. A group of Georgia College students that play their sport not on a field or a court, but on the wild rapids in a kayak, know how this feels.

"It reminds you that life is real," sophomore environment science major Sam Ovett said. "When you make a mistake out there it means something."

One of the more "real" sports out there is whitewater kayaking. One man, one boat, and one rush. Georgia College has some of the most fearless athletes that you have never heard of involved in a sport unbeknownst to most. They don't pack out the Centennial Center or fill the stands for games on the diamond. They are athletes who compete with two of the most deadly opponents, themselves and Mother Nature. Local kayakers are in a panic as their field of play is being threatened.

Georgia College's kayakers will soon be losing the Oconee River if a proposed coal fire power plant goes into effect. In Jan. 2008, 10 electric membership co-ops joined together under the name Power-4Georgians. If this plant is built, at its peak will use 16 million gallons of water a day and admit 6 to 7 million tons of carbon dioxide annually.

For Milledgeville residence the Oconee is the closest river with decent white water rapids. Kayakers and anyone who uses the river could see it dried up within the year and not have the means to satisfy their sport.

"Water has always been my playground," senior liberal studies major Matt Heath said. Heath has been kayaking since his freshman year at Georgia College when he attended a VentureOut kayak camp in the summer of 2008. Returning from that summer, Heath knew his passion was discovered.

"It helps me live in the moment," Heath said. "I forget all other problems and I concentrate on interacting with the river."

Fellow paddler, Ovett also uses the water as his field of play. Ovett started boating when he was 13 years old by the persuasion of his brother to attend a kayak camp. After their first experiences in the water, both paid the initial investment to get the appropriate gear and have been satisfied ever since.

Today both students are river guides in the summer, Ovett guides on the Nantahala River in North Carolina and the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Heath is not too far in West Virginia guiding on the New River and the Gauley River.

"This is my profession right now," Ovett said. "If I am gonna be on the river I want to have the best skills.

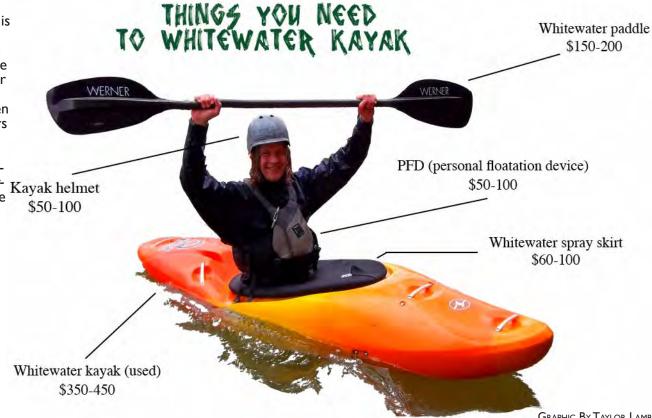
If Georgia decides to build their eleventh coal power plant, than boaters like Ovett and Heath will lose their domain. The Oconee is adored by the local boaters because of the accessibility. To have a river with rapids that can range up to a class 3 so close to a college campus is a dream come true for paddlers.



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Sophomore environmental science major Sam Ovett battles the up-river rapids of the Oconnee River. The kayaking enthusiasts that enjoy the challenging waters of the Oconee could possibly lose this marvelous river and its white water rapids if a proposed coal fire power plant goes into effect

To the right is all of the equipment that is necessary for having a fun and a safe time while kayaking on the beautfiul white water rapids provided by Mother Nature. Éven experienced kayakers such as these always make sure that they are wearing a kayaking helmet and a personal flotation device Kayak helmet (PFD) to help keep them saft while they have a great time.



Students sling discs at West Campus, Evergreen

Steffi Beigh STAFF WRITER

Many Georgia College students have taken up Frisbee sports, whether Ultimate, Frisbee golf, or disc golf,

many are actively involved. Senior psychology major Geoff Foster plays Frisbee golf at Evergreen Baptist Church.

"We don't have teams, we just

play," Foster said.

Foster is aware of the difference between Frisbee golf and disc golf. "There's Frisbee golf and disc golf, Frisbee golf is where we play with Ultimate Frisbees and then disc golf is played with a driver, a putter, and a mid-range. With disc we use baskets with chains on them so you try and hit the chain and let it fall into the basket, Frisbee golf just uses posts," Foster said. "It's an individual game but we kind of play it to just chill, it's fun and it's more to compete against your own score, you would have a record for yourself."

Foster says he used to play once or twice a day but now just plays when time allows.

Stephanie Kladilek, junior psychology major at Georgia College also enjoys playing Frisbee golf because of the relaxing environment it creates.

'You can go at your own pace," Kladilek said. "It's in the woods so if we played no one would bother us."

Haley Reese, who graduated Georgia College Dec. 2010 with a psychology degree plays all three Frisbee sports but she loves both Ultimate and

Reese has started the women's Ultimate intramural team at Georgia College last year.

After learning how to play Ultimate four years ago in Atlanta, she began her passion grew.

"The past three years I have been the only women to compete in disc golf nationals which is at Augusta since 2008," Reese said.

Besides the Frisbee golf course at Evergreen Baptist Church, there is a disc golf course at West Campus called Myrtle Ridge.

Although there is not a Frisbee golf team at Georgia College, the Bobcat Frisbee Team has both men and women's Ultimate and a disc golf team.

'It'd be awesome if they made (Frisbee golf) into an intramural,' Foster said. "They could put teams together and be collectively kind of how they do golf for schools and I'm sure people would be interested, I would do it."

To play Frisbee golf, many students go out to Evergreen Baptist Church or people play in YoungLife's Master of Frisbee Golf tournament held twice a

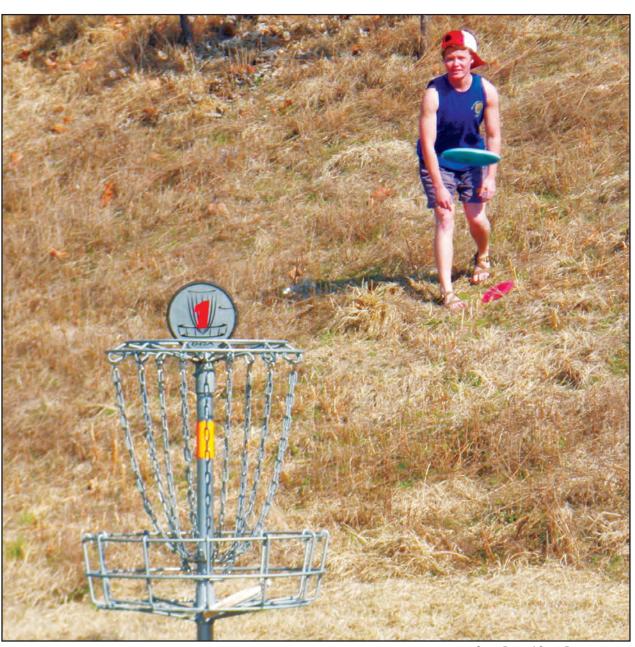
Doug Oetter, associate professor of history, geography, and philosophy at Georgia College, built the Myrtle Ridge disc golf course.

Oetter and Reese make sure the course stays clean and safe to players.

We keep the course clean by making (the trees) not a hazard to people who play so when your disc lies you can see it easier," Reese said. It would take mowing this down, cutting these trees down or trimming them up to fix the course.

Foster realizes that one of the benefits of playing Frisbee golf is that it is not as active as the other Frisbee sports.

"I really enjoy playing Ultimate but I'm not going to play Ultimate when I don't have a lot of time, because I don't want to get all sweaty and stuff like that but I can go play Frisbee golf in an hour and half break in between classes," Foster said.



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Sara Wood, a senior art major at Georgia College, tosses her disc towards the basket of hole I of the Frisbee golf course of the Mrytle Ridge course located at West Campus. The Mrytle Ridge Frisbee golf course, just like a regular golf couse is equipped with 18 holes. Frisbee golf is also similar to regular golf in that there are different discs designed for different areas of play, like short game.

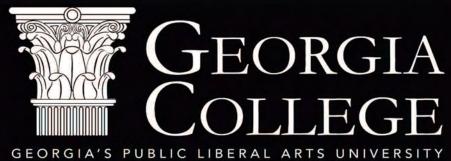
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